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CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON SHANDON SAFETY ROADSIDE REST AREA

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Caltrans has begun upgrading the Shandon Roadside Rest Area on State Route 46 because the existing rest area no longer adequately meets the needs of its more than 1.5 million annual users. The project received \$2.9 million in funding from President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act). The Schwarzenegger Administration has worked to expedite the delivery of these federal funds to local areas to stimulate the economy, save and create jobs and in this instance - invest in the future of California's transportation infrastructure.

"When this project is completed in December 2010, the rest area will comply with Americans with Disabilities Act standards and will provide the traveling public a convenient, attractive and informative stopping place," said Caltrans Director Randy Iwasaki. "This project is a great example of how Federal Recovery Act funds are being put to work locally thanks to Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership in securing infrastructure funds and making sure the benefits of these investments are realized as soon as possible."

The contractor for the project is Specialty Construction Inc. of San Luis Obispo. They will replace the existing restrooms with new, expanded facilities, upgrade parking, make





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safety improvements for pedestrians and repair and/or replace existing electrical, sewer and water systems. Site amenities will include information kiosks, historic displays, picnic tables, benches, recycling containers and pet areas. The rest stop will be fully closed for the duration of the project.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California leads the nation with nearly \$2.1 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to more than 705 highway and local street transportation projects statewide. Of these, 380 projects worth more than \$2 billion have already been awarded contracts to begin work, with an additional \$500 million in federal stimulus funds expected to be awarded to 128 projects by January 2010.

For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>.

Caltrans reminds motorists that 'we're here to get you there.'

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, residents can call Caltrans District 5 at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at:

www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upslo.htm

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