



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TRAFFIC EXPECTED TO INCREASE ALONG CENTRAL COAST DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND

CENTRAL COAST – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are reminding motorists to expect an increase in traffic on the central coast this Christmas holiday weekend. With wet and cold weather in the forecast, motorists are encouraged to remember these safety tips:

- Reduce your speed in rainy, foggy, icy and windy conditions. Motorists should be aware that spot flooding may occur at any time along the roadway.
- Slow down and/or move over when highway workers, law enforcement or tow truck drivers are working on or near the roadway.
- Be aware of electronic message boards and other road signs with information on incidents, changing road conditions, lane closures or detours.
- Make sure that your vehicle brakes, windshield wiper blades and tires are in good condition. Motorists should also inspect vehicle head and tail lights for maximum visibility.
- Call 911 to report any incidents or hazardous roadway conditions.

Caltrans will suspend all non-emergency roadwork along the central coast from Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 3 pm until Monday, Dec. 28 at 8 am.

However, Caltrans crews and CHP officers are prepared to respond 24/7 to any flooding, traffic incidents or other emergencies that may affect the state highway system.

The public may view Caltrans network of roadside traffic cameras at: <http://video.dot.ca.gov/> or the statewide highway network for current conditions at: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> or the automated California Highway Information Network (CHIN) @ 800-GAS-ROAD. In addition, the CHP has real time traffic incident information at: <http://cad.chp.ca.gov/>.

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