



NEWS RELEASE

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MAJOR U.S. HIGHWAY 101 PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT NEAR SOLEDAD IS UNDERWAY

MONTEREY COUNTY – An overnight pavement project to improve 18 miles of U.S. Highway 101 from Greenfield to Gonzales near Soledad began construction on Feb. 1.

The **northbound** on-ramp near the California Training Facility (Soledad Prison) will be closed overnight on Tuesday, Feb. 16, and Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 7 pm to 6 am. Motorists are advised to use the Gloria Camphora Rd. on-ramp south of the prison.

Roadwork consists of concrete pavement replacement and guardrail improvements at some locations from Greenfield through Soledad. The right (slow) lane will be closed as needed. Grinding and paving between Greenfield and Gonzales will begin this summer.

Overnight roadwork hours are as follows:

Northbound—from 7 pm to 6 am Monday through Thursday (Friday am): #2 (right) lane closed

Southbound—from 7 pm to 1 pm Monday through Thursday (Friday pm): #2 (right) lane closed

NOTE: There will be Electronic Message Boards alerting motorists, who can expect 10-15 minute delays. The CHP will assist with traffic control.

The purpose of this project is to extend the life of the roadway and to provide motorists and cyclists smoother pavement. This project is expected to complete by December, weather permitting.

The contractor for this \$23 million project is Graniterock of Watsonville, CA.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones.

For more information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-753-0187 or can visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#mon>

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