



# NEWS RELEASE

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## MAJOR U.S. HIGHWAY 101 PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT NEAR SOLEDAD CONTINUES

MONTEREY COUNTY – An overnight pavement project to improve 18 miles of U.S. Highway 101 from Greenfield to Gonzales near Soledad which began in February, continues with overnight paving of the Soledad State Prison ramps tomorrow, Tuesday, August 16, Caltrans officials announced today.

Roadwork along this section is scheduled as follows:

- Northbound on and off ramps will be closed between 6 pm and 11 pm
- Southbound on and off ramps will be closed from 11 pm to 6 am (Wednesday)

**NOTE: No two consecutive ramps in the same direction will be closed at one time.**

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.

**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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