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Today's Date: Tuesday, August 4, 2015
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UPDATE #12

ELEPHANT TRUNK PROJECT CONTINUES--HIGHWAY 1 CLOSED OVERNIGHT NEAR THE SAN LUIS OBISPO/MONTEREY COUNTY LINE UNTIL NOVEMBER

SAN LUIS OBISPO/MONTEREY COUNTIES – A project to construct a retaining wall on Highway 1 in northern San Luis Obispo/southern Monterey Counties is underway. It will serve as a permanent restoration effort in this area known for major slides.

This week, drilling and placing metal piles continues. This phase of the project continues with full overnight closures on Highway 1 from Gorda to Ragged Point which began on Monday night, June 22, tentatively scheduled through the end of November, weather permitting. Roadwork will take place Sunday nights through Friday mornings from 10 pm until 7 am.

Motorists traveling north/south of these closures are advised to reach their destinations before 10 pm. All local businesses along the coast will remain open during the roadwork.

Motorists will encounter one-way reversing traffic control via a temporary traffic signal 24/7 except during overnight full closures. Traffic delays during the one-way traffic control will be 5-10 minutes.

Electronic message signs will be activated at the following locations: 1) on northbound US Highway 101, just south of the Hwy. 46/Hwy. 101 intersection in Paso Robles; 2) at the westbound Hwy. 46/ Hwy. 101 intersection in Paso Robles; 3) on Hwy. 1 in Cambria/San Simeon and also 4) on Hwy. 1 at Coast Gallery up the coast to inform motorists of these highway closures.

The contractor for this $9.5 million project is John Madonna Construction of San Luis Obispo, CA. This project is expected to be completed in winter 2016-17.

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

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm. Motorists can also contact the toll-free hotline from Cambria to Carmel at: 888-836-0866.

(map and picture follow)

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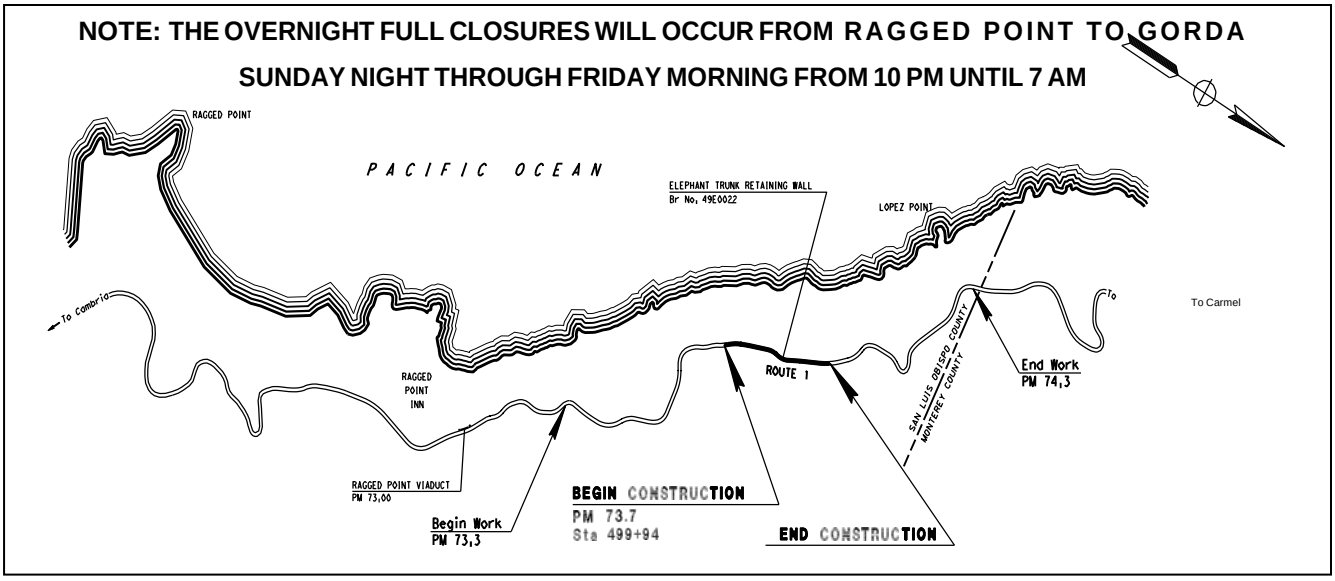
ELEPHANT TRUNK RETAINING WALL ON STATE ROUTE 1