**NEWS RELEASE**

Today's Date: Thursday, May 21, 2015  
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*UPDATE #1*

HIGHWAY 1 RETAINING WALL PROJECT CONTINUES NEAR THE SAN LUIS OBISPO/MONTEREY COUNTY LINE

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

The next phase of the project consists of full overnight closures on Highway 1 from Gorda to Ragged Point and is scheduled to begin on Sunday night, May 31. Roadwork will take place Sunday nights through Friday mornings from tentatively 10 pm until 7 am.

Motorists traveling north/south of these closures are advised to reach their destinations before 9 pm. All 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 on US Highway 101 in Paso Robles and Hwy. 1 in Carmel and Cambria to inform motorists of these highway closures. All local businesses will remain open during this project.

Note: The construction schedule may be adjusted to meet the needs of local businesses and the Pacific Valley School.

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 of 2016.

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](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.

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ELEPHANT TRUNK RETAINING WALL ON STATE ROUTE 1

NOTE: THE OVERNIGHT FULL CLOSURES WILL OCCUR FROM RAGGED POINT TO GORDA SUNDAY NIGHT THROUGH FRIDAY MORNING FROM 10 PM UNTIL 7 AM