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Today's Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2018
District: 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Update #2

HIGHWAY 68 PROJECT AT THE FAIRGROUNDS ROAD OVERCROSSING BEGINS WITH OVERNIGHT CLOSURES STARTING SUNDAY NIGHT, JUNE 3

MONTEREY COUNTY – A project to construct a 36” water line bridge over Highway 68 adjacent to the Fairgrounds Road Overcrossing will enter milestone activities beginning on **Sunday night, June 3 with overnight highway closures for five nights from 9 pm to 5 am the following morning.** The activities include setting large pre-cast girder elements over Highway 68. Scheduled closures are as follows:

Sunday night, June 3: **Westbound** Hwy. 68 closed--detour Hwy. 218 (Del Rey Oaks Blvd);

Monday night, June 4: **Westbound and Eastbound** Hwy. 68 closed--detour Hwy. 218;

Tuesday night, June 5: **Westbound and Eastbound** Hwy. 68 closed—detour Hwy. 218;

Wednesday night, June 6: **Eastbound** Hwy. 68 closed—detour Hwy. 218;

Thursday night, June 7: **Westbound** Hwy. 68 closed—detour Hwy. 218.

NOTE: The full overnight closures are required for the safe installation of this bridge and should be complete at 5 am on Friday morning, June 8.

Electronic message signs will be posted to alert motorists of this roadwork. **Motorists may detour onto Fremont Street during daytime closures and State Route 218 during the overnight closures and heavier traffic on detour routes is to be anticipated during these five nights. During shifts where Eastbound 68 is closed, Monterey Airport access will be from State Route 218 to Westbound 68, to Olmsted Rd.**

NOTE: Those with airline flights during late evening and early morning hours from Monterey Regional Airport should add 30 minutes of travel time for their trip to/from the airport.



Photos of pre-cast girders, also called “California Bath Tub Girders”—each 125ft long and weighing 200k lbs.

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Roadwork will be performed by Garney Construction and Cal Am under a permit from Caltrans. It's scheduled to be complete mid July 2018, weather permitting.

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 1-831-372-0862 or visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#mon>



Location of Hwy. 68/Fairgrounds Rd. Bridge project showing the closure, detour and alternate local road.

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