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UPDATE #5

TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND REALIGNMENT PROJECT ON HIGHWAY 68 AT HITCHCOCK ROAD CONTINUES WITH SIGNAL ACTIVATION—LONG DELAYS EXPECTED

MONTEREY COUNTY— A project to install traffic signals and realign a portion of Highway 68 will continue **at the intersection of Highway 68 and Hitchcock Road** beginning Monday, January 25, Caltrans officials have announced.

These alternating lane closures will take place **Tuesday, Jan. 26 and Wednesday, Jan. 27 from 8 am to 4 pm**. Striping will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, and the signal activation will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 27.

To prepare for the signal activation on Wednesday, temporary stop signs will be installed. The traffic signal will be placed in “Red Flash” mode until the signal is activated. **Motorists can expect delays of 20 minutes, and are encouraged to take an alternate route.** The CHP will be present to assist with traffic control. Electronic message signs will be in place to advise motorists of the work.

To minimize delays and traffic, an alternate route is advised. Motorists headed **westbound** on Hwy. 68 are advised to take Blanco Rd. to Davis Rd. to Reservation Rd. to Highway 68. Motorists headed **eastbound** on Hwy. 68 are advised to take Reservation Rd. to Davis Rd. to Blanco Rd. to Hwy. 68.

The contractor for this \$660,000 construction project is Granite Rock Company of San Jose, CA. This project is expected to be completed by the end of February, 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 can visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#mon>

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