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District: 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

LANE CLOSURES FOR TASSAJARA MEDIAN BARRIER PROJECT ON U.S. HIGHWAY 101 NORTH OF THE CUESTA GRADE

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Construction on a safety project to install a median barrier on U.S. Highway 101 from south of Tassajara Creek (north of the Cuesta Grade) to just south of the Hwy. 101/58 Interchange in Santa Margarita will continue on Wednesday September 18.

Motorists will encounter a closure of the **southbound No. 1 (fast lane)** of U.S. Highway 101 near Tassajara Creek beginning **Wednesday, Sept. 18 from 9 am to 3 pm**. Motorists can expect delays not to exceed 15 minutes.

In addition, the **southbound No. 1 (fast lane)** of U.S. Highway 101 near Tassajara Creek will be closed during the **overnight hours** from **7 pm to 6 am** beginning **Sunday night, Sept. 15 through Friday morning, Sept. 20 at 6 am**.

The **northbound No. 1 (fast lane)** of U.S. Highway 101 near Tassajara Creek will be closed during the **overnight hours** beginning **Sunday night, Sept. 15 through Friday, morning Sept. 20 from 6 pm to 11:55 am** the following morning.

These lane closures are expected to take place through October.

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Motorists can expect delays not to exceed 15 minutes. Caltrans will activate Electronic Message Boards to inform the public about current traffic conditions. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will be present to ensure a safe condition for everyone.

When completed, this safety project will reduce the potential of vehicles going over the median metal beam guardrail, reduce the potential for head-on collisions and improve the sight distance at Tassajara Creek Road.

The contractor for this \$2 million project is CalPortland Construction of Santa Maria, CA. This project is expected to be completed next summer.

The public may view real-time traffic conditions on the central coast at:

<http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

The public may also view live streaming video of the Hwy. 101/58 Interchange and Hwy. 101 at Curbaril Avenue at:

<http://video.dot.ca.gov/>

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

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm.

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