



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **NEW LANES ON HWY. 46 EAST EXPECTED TO OPEN FRIDAY MORNING**

**PASO ROBLES** – The newly constructed westbound lanes on five miles of Hwy. 46 East between Airport Road and Geneseo Road will open on Friday morning, Dec. 3.

Motorists heading eastbound on Hwy. 46 will continue to be restricted to one lane until final paving work is completed. This paving work is now underway, weather permitting. When completed, Hwy. 46 will have two lanes in each direction separated by a 60-foot median.

This \$30 million Hwy. 46 widening project from Airport Road to Geneseo Road is expected to be complete in February 2011, weather permitting. The second phase of widening Hwy. 46 from Geneseo Road to Almond Drive will begin in January.

The contractor for the first two phases of Hwy. 46 is Papich Construction of Pismo Beach.

Caltrans reminds motorists that 'we're here to get you there.'

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/maint/road/upslo.htm>

