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**Today's Date:** Monday, April 22, 2013

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

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###UPDATE No.2###

## TRAFFIC SWITCH ON 101 SANTA MARIA RIVER BRIDGE BEGINS TONIGHT

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Construction to widen the U.S. Hwy. 101 Santa Maria River Bridge will result in motorists on **northbound Hwy. 101** being rerouted onto the newly constructed lanes **over the next two overnights beginning tonight, Monday, April 22 at 7 pm until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 23 at 6 am and then again tomorrow night, Tuesday April 23 at 7 pm until Wednesday morning, April 24 at 6 am.** This detour will allow for improvements to be made on the existing northbound lanes of traffic.

This detour will be in effect for approximately six months to allow for the resurfacing of the northbound lanes.

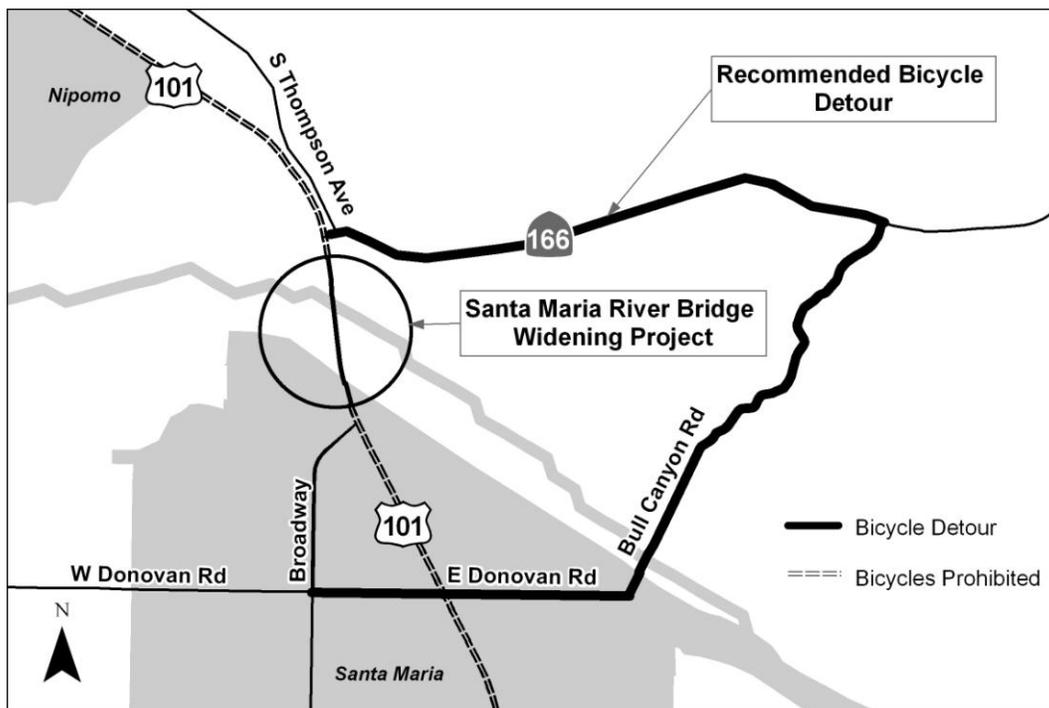
Cyclists should be aware of limited shoulder space on the bridge at all times during this phase of construction. The following detour is recommended. Cyclists traveling southbound can detour along Thompson Avenue to Highway 166 East to Bull Canyon Road to Donovan Road. Those traveling northbound can detour along Donovan Road to Bull Canyon Road to Highway 166 West to Thompson Avenue.

This project will widen the bridge from two to three lanes in each direction with inside/outside shoulders and will include a bicycle path near the southbound lanes behind a concrete barrier. In addition, all existing traffic lanes will be resurfaced.

The contractor for this \$31 million project is Flatiron West Inc. of San Marcos, CA. The project is about 85% complete. It is expected to be completed in early 2014.

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The public may view the Caltrans Live Streaming Video of the Santa Maria River Bridge at: <http://video.dot.ca.gov/>.

## **Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work 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)