



NEWS RELEASE

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District: 5 – San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SANTA MARIA RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT TO RESULT IN RAMP CLOSURES

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Construction to widen the Hwy. 101 Santa Maria River Bridges will result in the following ramp closures next week:

- The southbound Hwy. 101 on-ramp and the northbound Hwy. 101 off-ramp at State Route 166 will be closed during the **overnight hours** on Monday, Jan. 30 and Tuesday, Jan. 31 from **7 pm to 6 am**. Motorists may detour to Tefft St in Nipomo during these closures.
- A pile driving operation to install supports for the new traffic lanes is continuing during the daytime hours from 9 am to 3:30 pm.

This project will widen the bridge from two to three lanes in each direction with an inside/outside shoulder. A bicycle lane will be constructed 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 Benicia, CA. It is expected to be completed in the spring of 2014.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through Caltrans 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

