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GAVIOTA REST AREA TO OPEN NEXT WEEK FOLLOWING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – The Gaviota Safety Roadside Rest Area on US Highway 101 is scheduled to re-open on Monday, Feb. 23 at approximately 12 noon following a ten month closure for a major project to improve this facility.

This project included an extensive renovation to the plumbing systems in two restroom buildings and water conservation measures such as low flow fixtures and faucets that will automatically turn off.

This facility also received upgrades to the electrical system and improvements to tile, carpentry, paint, landscape and irrigation systems.

These improvements were necessary to improve conditions for the one million visitors who use this rest area each year.

The contractor for this \$927,000 project was Prism Engineering, Inc. of Hayward, CA.

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

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm

