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CASTILLO STREET CONCRETE PAVERS PROJECT NEAR U.S. HIGHWAY 101 IN SANTA BARBARA BEGINS THIS SUMMER

SANTA BARBARA – Caltrans will construct a project this summer to improve conditions on the US Highway 101 undercrossing at Castillo Street. This project will include the installation of interlocking concrete pavers on Castillo Street and the on/off ramps to US Highway 101.

This project will improve the condition of the pavement where seeping groundwater has damaged the existing concrete pavement which has resulted in potholes and a wet driving surface. The use of these interlocking pavers will allow the groundwater to drain while providing a smooth driving surface for motorists and cyclists.

Pavement conditions have been a challenge at this location due to the intrusion of groundwater into the Castillo Street concrete slab below the freeway and railroad. Funding is not available to reconstruct the entire concrete slab as a permanent solution. This short term repair is intended to last five or more years, applying lessons learned from previous efforts. The result will be an improved driving and riding surface and a reduced need for ongoing maintenance.

This project will include lane/ramp closures with specific time/dates to be announced when construction begins: One lane will remain open in each direction on Castillo Street at all times. The southbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp to US Highway 101 at Castillo Street will be closed for a two week period. These ramp closures will not occur at the same time. Detour signs will be posted to assist motorists and bicyclists during this project.

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The contractor for this \$873,000 project is Peterson Chase Construction of Irvine, CA. This project is expected to be completed in mid-August.

All businesses will remain open during this project.

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

For more information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Barbara County, residents may call the District 5 toll free number at 805-568-0858 or visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#>

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