



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

U.S HIGHWAY 101 SPEED LIMIT THROUGH GAVIOTA REMAINS AT 55 MPH

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are reminding motorists that the speed limit on **southbound U.S. Highway 101 in the Gaviota area is 55 mph.**

This speed limit will be in effect from the U.S. Highway 101/1 Interchange through the Gaviota Tunnel to Gaviota Beach Road. The continuation of this speed limit is the result of a recently completed Engineering and Traffic Survey. This speed limit will be enforced by the California Highway Patrol (CHP).

In addition, the public should remember these tips during the winter driving season. Reduce your speed in rainy, foggy and windy conditions. Black Ice may develop near bridges, underpasses and low or shaded areas.

Slow down and move over when Caltrans workers, law enforcement or tow truck drivers are working near the roadway and be aware of electronic message boards and other road signs with information on incidents, changing road conditions, lane closures or detours.

Make sure that vehicle brakes, windshield wiper blades and tires are in good condition and inspect your head and tail lights for maximum visibility on the highway and call 911 to report any hazardous conditions.

The public may view the Caltrans network of roadside traffic cameras at: <http://video.dot.ca.gov/> or the statewide highway network for current conditions at: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

