



NEWS RELEASE

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U.S. HIGHWAY 101 CENTER MEDIAN PLANTING AND IRRIGATION PROJECT

SANTA BARBARA – A project to replant and install new irrigation systems in the center median of U.S. Highway 101 between Garden Street and the Mission Creek Bridge will begin on Monday, July 22.

Motorists will encounter intermittent inside shoulder closures in both directions of Hwy. 101 Monday through Thursday from 6 am to 7 pm. The No. 1 (fast) lane will be closed intermittently in both directions Monday through Thursday during the **overnight hours from 9 pm to 6:30 am**. This roadwork will not occur in both directions at the same time. Motorists can expect a delay not to exceed ten minutes.

The contractor for this \$786,000 project is Spiess Construction Inc. of Santa Maria, CA. This project is expected to be completed this October followed by a three year plant establishment period.

Caltrans urges 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

