



# NEWS RELEASE

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## WIDENING OF 101/SANTA MARIA RIVER BRIDGES CONTIUNES

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY** – Construction to widen the Hwy. 101 Santa Maria River Bridges is continuing with road work occurring under the existing traffic lanes.

A pile driving operation to install supports for the new traffic lanes is taking place during the daytime hours. Work is also progressing on alterations to the existing bridge supports so they can be attached to the new bridge. No lane closures are scheduled in the near future as construction work continues.

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.

This project will improve traffic flow and safety by minimizing collisions and providing additional shoulders. 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](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm)

