



**Today's Date:** Tuesday, March 20, 2012

**District:** 5 - Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CALTRANS PLANS TO INSTALL TEMPORARY MEDIAN BARRIER ON HIGHWAY 17**

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – After further consideration and consultation with our agency partners, Caltrans District 5 officials have decided to install a temporary concrete median barrier along a section of Highway 17 at Laurel Curve north of Scotts Valley.

Maintenance crews will perform midday and overnight roadwork to install the median barrier beginning Thursday, March 22.

Caltrans traffic safety officials will then evaluate the effectiveness of the barrier in reducing all types of accidents as well as further study other safety improvements at this location.

In addition, Caltrans is moving forward with plans to install experimental high-friction pavement treatment and curve warning signs along Highway 17 at Laurel Curve.

As always, we ask for the cooperation of motorists to drive carefully along the Highway 17 corridor, especially during the remaining weeks of the wet weather season.

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

For more information on Santa Cruz County projects, call the toll-free hotline at (831) 423-0396 or visit [www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/). The public may also call the statewide CHIN at (800) 427-7623 for updates on current traffic conditions.



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