



**Today's Date:** Wednesday, March 21, 2012

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

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**\*\*\*TRAFFIC ADVISORY UPDATE\*\*\***

**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 morning roadwork to install the median barrier beginning Thursday, March 22.

**NOTE: The pavement has to be dry for roadwork to take place. If there is NO rain by tomorrow morning, the southbound #1 (fast) lane will close at 8am and the northbound #1 (fast) lane will close at 8:30am. If rain occurs, the closures will take place later in the morning. If rain continues throughout the day, roadwork will be re-scheduled for a later date. The length of Thursday's closure depends on the progress of the work which will consist two days of work, weather permitting.**

In addition, Caltrans is moving forward with plans to install experimental high-friction pavement treatment and a southbound curve warning sign 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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