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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAVEMENT OVERLAY PROJECT ON HIGHWAY 152 NEAR WATSONVILLE IS UNDERWAY AND WILL REQUIRE FULL CLOSURE NEXT WEEK

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – Crews have begun roadwork on a 6-mile pavement overlay project on Hwy. 152 near Watsonville from College/Holohan Road to the Santa Cruz/Santa Clara County line near Mount Madonna Road, Caltrans officials have announced.

On Monday, Nov. 17, roadwork will require a full closure of Hwy. 152 between Carlton Road and the Mt. Madonna Inn for five days, between 8:30 am and 5:30 pm each day. The closure will be two miles at a time and work days are Monday through Friday. The roadway will completely re-open each evening after completion of each paving day.

Only emergency vehicles will be allowed through the work zone and local residents affected by the closure, will also have access to their homes. The closure of Hwy. 152 will start from Mt. Madonna Inn heading west. Hwy. 129 will be the designated detour and message signs will be posted to inform motorists of this detour.

The CHP will assist with traffic control. Traffic delays of 20 minutes are anticipated due to detour. Paving work is expected to be complete by Tuesday, Nov. 25 due to some forecasted rain next week. The entire project is expected to be complete by the end of January, weather permitting.

The purpose of the project is to improve roadway smoothness and extend the service life of the pavement.

O'Grady Paving Inc. of Mountain View, CA is the contractor for this $1.6 million project.

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

For lane closure information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-423-0396 or can visit our website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#

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