



NEWS RELEASE

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*****UPDATE*****

RETAINING WALL PROJECT ON NORTHBOUND HIGHWAY 17 INCLUDES LANE CLOSURE AND TRAFFIC SWITCH—SATURDAY NOV. 16 THROUGH NOV. 19

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY –The retaining wall project that began on Hwy. 17 near Scotts Valley just north of Glenwood Drive will include a ½ mile lane closure and a major traffic switch starting Saturday, Nov. 16 through Tuesday morning, Nov. 19. Traffic control is as follows:

1) **The closure of the #2 (slow) lane of northbound Hwy. 17 on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 am until 7 pm has been cancelled.**

2) One lane of **northbound** Hwy. 17 will be **closed** on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 7 pm until Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 am.

3) One lane of **southbound** Hwy. 17 will be **closed** from Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7 pm until Monday, Nov. 18 at 5 am. During this time, motorists heading **northbound** will be **crossed over** the center median before proceeding on the southbound # 1 (fast) lane.

4) The #2 (slow) lane of **northbound** Hwy. 17 will be **closed** on Monday, Nov. 18 and Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 10 am until 3 pm for paving.

5) **NOTE: One lane in each direction will remain open at all times. Electronic message boards, freeway service patrol and the CHP will be present during this closure to assist with traffic control. Motorists can expect up to 30-minute delays.**

The roadwork is part of the existing project to construct a retaining wall with a concrete slab and barrier and pave with hot mix asphalt at this location. The project is expected to complete in the spring of 2015.

The contractor for this \$2.8 million project is Condon-Johnson & Associates Inc. of Oakland, CA.

As always, Caltrans asks for the cooperation of motorists to drive carefully along the Highway 17 corridor.

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/. The public may also call the statewide CHIN at (800) 427-7623 for updates on current traffic conditions.



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