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UPDATE

HIGHWAY 9 RETAINING WALL PROJECT NEARS COMPLETION; ROADWAY REOPENED ON OCTOBER 1

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – Hwy. 9 has reopened after being closed since June 7 to construct a retaining wall near Felton, two miles north of the Highway, Caltrans officials announced today.

“We really appreciate the public’s patience and understanding during the summertime closure. Ultimately, this project will result in a safer, more stable roadway for everyone,” said District Director Rich Krumholz.

Roadwork consisted of building a retaining wall, installing a new drainage system and surfacing the roadway with asphalt concrete. **Guardrail work remains to be done this month.**

Gordon N. Ball Inc. of Alamo, CA was the contractor for this \$500,000 project to enhance the long-term safety and stability of the roadway, which had been damaged from recent winter storms.

Caltrans reminds motorists that ‘we’re here to get you there.’

For lane closure information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, residents can call District 5 at 1-831-423-0396 or can visit our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upscr.htm

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