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UPDATE

VIADUCT CONSTRUCTION ON HIGHWAY 9 NEAR BEN LOMOND CONTINUES

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY—A construction project continues on a quarter-mile section of Highway 9 in Santa Cruz County near Ben Lomond from just north of Glen Arbor Road to Highlands County Park, south of Holiday Lane, Caltrans officials announced today.

Roadwork began on September 4 and traffic control consists of a temporary signal with one-way traffic on one of the two lanes, 24 hours a day **through March 2013 weather permitting**. Motorists should expect 10-15 minute delays.

This project will improve safety by constructing a viaduct structure and repaving the existing, worn pavement. **Roadwork will continue after March landscaping which requires no lane closures and is expected to be completed by next summer.**

The contractor for this \$1.3 million project is Pavex Construction of Watsonville.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over or slow down when driving through Caltrans work 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 www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upscr.htm



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