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PCH PAVING PROJECT CLOSURES SCHEDULED

MALIBU – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close one lane of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) at the following times and locations **nightly** between Sunday, May 18 and Saturday, May 24:

- Sunday, May 18 through Thursday, May 22, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., La Tuna Canyon to approximately three miles south;
- Sunday, May 18 through Wednesday, May 21, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Sweetwater Canyon to about ½ mile south of Las Flores;
- Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., La Tuna Canyon to the McClure Tunnel (spot locations),

The closures are for grinding, paving and manhole cover work on a \$7 million, 11.6-mile paving project from Malibu Lagoon Bridge to the McClure Tunnel. Work consists of removing existing concrete pavement and replacing it with Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC), including removing and replacing raised pavement markers, traffic striping and markings; adjusting manhole cover heights; and modifying loop detectors (speed sensors embedded in the roadway). The project is expected to complete in Spring, 2009.

Rubberized Asphalt Concrete overlay is more durable and longer-lasting than conventional asphalt and thus requires less maintenance. RAC is not only cost-effective but can also reduce noise and provide significant environmental benefits in its use of old tires as a component. This RAC project will preserve the roadway and provide a smoother, safer driving surface for motorists.

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