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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** from Tuesday, May 27 through Thursday, May 29:

- 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., from about two miles south of Las Flores to Topanga Canyon, paving;
- 8 p.m. to 6 a.m., Cross Creek to Topanga Canyon, installation of underground sensors;
- 9 p.m. to 5 a.m., Temescal Canyon to the McClure Tunnel (spot locations), lowering manhole covers.

The closures are related to 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 early 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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