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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) in alternating directions from Malibu to at the McClure Tunnel on Thursday, August 21 and Friday, August 22 from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Work will involve pavement markings and striping.

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 by Fall 2008.

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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