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## **PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (SR-1) SLIDE AREA CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

**Los Angeles County** – Construction began this morning on a project to grade the cliff above Pacific Coast Highway (State Route 1) between Topanga Canyon Boulevard and Coastline Drive.

The grading project is necessary because a large fissure has formed on the cliff, creating a high potential for a landslide. Because of risks to motorists, the two northbound lanes have been closed, with one lane available in each direction. Caltrans currently is preparing to re-stripe the highway to create a third lane that would provide two southbound lanes in the morning and two northbound lanes in the evening.

The cliff-grading project will take approximately up to three weeks to complete, weather permitting and barring unforeseen difficulties. Work will be performed between the hours of 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Nighttime work is not possible because slope instability makes visibility essential for worker safety however trucks are operating 24 hours a day to remove dirt from the hillside. During the course of the project, 3000 truckloads of dirt will be removed.

Residents can expect noise and vibration from equipment. Motorists are advised to expect delays. Caltrans apologizes for these unavoidable inconveniences during construction.

Updates will be provided as new information becomes available. For additional information or assistance, please contact the Caltrans Public Affairs Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (213) 897-3693 or (213) 897-3656.

