

CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

VENTURA COUNTY HIGHWAY STORM REPAIR UPDATE

January 20, 2005

Crews worked through the night on January 19 to clean and repave the shoulder on Route 33 to provide an additional lane for motorists between Creek Road and Old Creek Road. The new lane opened to motorists, January 20 at 4 a.m. The road now provides one lane in each direction. The speed limit has been lowered to 25 miles per hour and CHP is monitoring traffic. The addition of another lane will help to ease travel through the area until the road is permanently repaired.

Total repair of the road could take 2 to 4 months. This will include replacement of the roadway from the bottom up. Footings must be built in the San Antonio Creek. The slope, which is approximately 1000 feet in width and 125 feet high, must be removed and replaced for stabilization. After this is completed, the roadway can then be replaced. Preliminarily, environmental clearances to work in the creek must be received from the U.S. Corps of Army Engineers and the Department of Fish and Game. Please be advised that the current sewer line replacement project is not within Caltrans jurisdiction. The broken sewer line is currently being removed so that Caltrans contracted roadway crews will have room to work.

Other Area Closures:

Route 33 remains closed from Fairview Road, four miles north of Ojai to Lockwood Valley Road. Reopening this stretch is the next priority. It is estimated to reopen within a week.

Route 150 remains closed from the Santa Barbara County line to Santa Ana Road due to mudslides and road washouts. Estimated date of reopening the road to the Santa Barbara County line is Tuesday, January 25. A bridge is washed out on Route 150 in Santa Barbara County, close to the Ventura County line. Reconstruction of the bridge will begin in one month. Caltrans is working to reopen Route 192 as a detour to Route 150. Route 192 is estimated to reopen by mid next week.

Route 150 from the Summit to Route 126 is closed due to washouts and slides. Estimated date of reopening is April 2005.

