

Frequently Asked Questions:

- *Why are all these projects happening at the same time?*
At Caltrans, our number one priority is safety. These safety curve realignment projects reduce accident rates, so we don't want to delay construction on any of them once the funding becomes available. We have a summer construction window that dictates the project time lines. Some are pavement projects that must be completed during the summer months also.
- *Are these projects part of the Federal Stimulus money? (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act)*
No, some of these projects are safety projects and some are pavement projects which are funded from two separate funding programs within the Caltrans budget. All the projects in total will put more than \$18 million dollars into the economy, as Caltrans has several different contractors working on these projects.
- *What kind of delays will I experience?*
Any type of road work has a potential for creating delays. However, we anticipate that the majority of the delays will be over the Buckhorn Summit. You should plan for delays of ½-1½ hours during the day.
- *Will work take place on nights and weekends?*
Currently, we do not have any planned evening or weekend work. Some locations will be under 24-hour one-way traffic controls, so you should still be prepared for delays.
- *What about the July 4th holiday?*
Work will be suspended July 3, 4, and 5, but the 24-hour one-way traffic controls will still be in effect for certain locations.

What to do to make your trip safer and more comfortable:

- Make sure your vehicle is in good working order, with a full tank of gas before heading out.
- Bring along water, snacks and something to occupy children traveling with you. If you travel with pets, be prepared.
- Use the rest room before heading out on your trip.
- Charge your cell phone battery. Remember hands free, it's the law!
- Inform others of your planned destination.
- Check your coolant level and be ready for hot temperatures.
- While waiting at traffic control stops, shut engine off to conserve fuel and prevent overheating. If you must get out of your vehicle, use caution and stay to the right side of the roadway.
- Allow enough time. To ease frustration, get an early start and allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Be observant. Visibility is often limited in highway work zones. Slow down and watch for other vehicles and/or constructions equipment.
- If you're grocery shopping in Redding, have a cooler and ice for perishables.
- Bring along any prescriptions that need to be taken at specific times, in case of long delays.
- Relax! We know delays can be frustrating, but keep in mind that highway safety improvement projects reduce accidents and save lives.

Unique situations throughout the construction zones

- One-way traffic controlled by temporary signal lights
- Unpaved/Uneven surfaces
- Blasting possible at designated locations



Six Safety Curve Realignment Projects and several roadway pavement projects will be in construction this summer on State Route 299 West in Shasta, Trinity and Humboldt counties.

Motorists are advised there will be delays.

Caltrans will provide information on Changeable Message Signs and on Highway Advisory Radio broadcasts (1610 am).

A hot line number with potential delay update information is available at 530-225-3054 and project information can be found on line at Caltrans2.info



**Highway Safety Improvement
Projects Reduce Accidents!**

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