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Construction to Begin on the Next Phase of the U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lane Project in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties

San Mateo-Santa Clara Counties – The California Department of Transportation will begin work tomorrow, Friday July 6, 2012 on the next phase of the U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lane project to construct auxiliary lanes in each direction between University Avenue in San Mateo County to Embarcadero Road in Santa Clara County. This will enhance safety along the corridor by allowing drivers more time to merge onto U.S. 101 while also preventing congestion caused by drivers attempting to enter or exit the freeway.

Auxiliary lanes extend from on-ramps to off-ramps, but do not go through the interchange. This project will also modify the freeway on-ramps at University Avenue and Embarcadero Road.

Southbound University Avenue will be closed Friday, July 6, from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Northbound University Avenue will be closed Saturday, July 7, from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

Construction activities will be conducted primarily during the day behind concrete barriers. Daytime construction hours will be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Caltrans will always provide at least one open lane in both directions of travel.** The project is expected to be completed by winter of 2012 with a one year plant establishment.

The first phase of this project constructed auxiliary lanes in Menlo Park from Marsh Road to University Avenue. The Ringwood Avenue Pedestrian/ Bicycle Overcrossing was replaced to accommodate the widening. The new auxiliary lanes for this phase were opened to traffic on June 26, 2012.

Advance warning changeable message and detour signs will be in place to assist motorists during closures.

