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CONE ZONE SAFETY THIS WINTER

Bay Area—Caltrans reminds the traveling public to slow down and be attentive to their surroundings when driving through coned off areas. Since 1924, Caltrans has lost a total of 170 workers, including a Bay Area highway worker this past September.

Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi said, “During this time of year, we have to have more patience. Pay attention to signs. Watch the road. It's important to Caltrans that you and our crews arrive safely at each of your destinations.”

Following last weeks’ death of the third Caltrans highway worker in the past few months, Caltrans highway maintenance crews had a “Safety Stand Down” to review safety procedures and safe work practices.

The Bay Area has 60 percent of California highway construction projects, so there are a lot of work zones. Regular maintenance and construction activities require driver attention around work zones. It’s important to remember that winter weather creates additional road hazards. Highway workers may not be as visible. Also, increased holiday travel may mean more vehicles on the road.

Caltrans is asking motorists to “Slow for the Cone Zone” and most importantly be aware of these highway workers who are contributing to a record \$10 billion in statewide highway improvements. Caltrans is committed to making California highways safe and need your help to make it happen.

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