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Caltrans Implements “Slow For the Cone Zone” on U.S. 101 Construction Area in Santa Rosa

Caltrans is lowering the speed limit on U.S. 101 and State Route 12 within the boundaries of the freeway widening project in Santa Rosa from 65 miles per hour to 55 miles per hour on Friday, October 13.

On U.S. 101, the 55 mile per hour speed limit will be in effect from just south of Baker Avenue to south of Bicentennial Avenue. On State Route 12, the 55 mile per hour speed limit will be enforced from Farmers Lane to just west of Dutton Avenue.

Signs are posted alerting motorists where the 55 mile per hour speed limit lies ahead, where the 55 mile per hour speed limit is in effect, and where the speed limit returns to 65 miles per hour. This speed limit reduction will be in effect during the span of the construction work in Santa Rosa.

Caltrans is changing the speed limit now due to narrowed lanes, no shoulders, slow-moving construction trucks, and crews working near the roadway at both the median and sides of the road.

While there may not always be cones in the work zone, orange construction signs, concrete railing at the roadside, and heavy equipment all indicate an active work zone. Worker and motorist safety is paramount and the “Slow for the Cone Zone” slogan reminds motorists to drive with caution and consideration in construction work zones.

While traffic does not always move at 55 miles per hour on U.S. 101 in Santa Rosa, at night, vehicles often travel well over the speed limit.

Suggestions for driving in the Cone Zone include:

- Do not speed.
- Merge early.
- Be prepared for sudden stops.
- Avoid distractions like using a cell phone or changing the radio.





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More information about Slow for the Cone Zone can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/son101/>.

Fines remain double in the construction work zone. The California Highway Patrol will be enforcing the vehicle code.

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