



4/5/06 Traffic Delays on Highway 92

Two separate accidents contributed to lengthy delays on Highway 92 this morning.

At 7:27 a.m., an overturned vehicle was reported in the westbound lane of Highway 92 just east of Highway 35. One minute later, in the same area, a separate collision occurred in the eastbound lane of Highway 92. The road was completely blocked for about 30 minutes.

Motorists experienced unusually long delays because, in addition to the closure of Route 1 at Devil's Slide, both accidents were happening at the same time during the peak commute.

Prior to these incidents, Caltrans was already developing plans to reduce congestion in Half Moon Bay due to the closure of Route 1 at Devil's Slide.

Traffic Operations staff are working with the Half Moon Bay Public Works and City Police to develop road layout changes at peak travel times.

Caltrans crews are investigating traffic patterns at several locations in the Half Moon Bay area to determine how best to change traffic light sequencing and keep traffic moving.

At the junction of Highways 1 and 92, Caltrans staff will be on hand for the next two days to adjust traffic lights based on traffic volumes.

A tow truck is continuously patrolling Highway 92 between Highways 1 and 101 during the morning and evening commute times. This will ensure a quick response time for any towing needs during critical periods.

Caltrans regrets the delays motorists experienced this morning. Our goal is to make Route 1 between Montara and Pacifica safe, and re-open the road as soon as possible. In the meantime, we will be working closely with the City of Half Moon Bay to ensure impacts to residents and motorists are kept to a minimum.

Please exercise additional care when driving in the area. Where possible, re-schedule travel to avoid peak commuter times. Ridesharing may be an option – please visit the Commute Help section of Caltrans District 4 web site for more information. Remember to allow additional time for your journey and please be considerate and patient with other drivers. Thank you.