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CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

STATE ROUTE 216/HOUSTON AVENUE WIDENING PROJECT IN VISALIA CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES

The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Granite Construction announces scheduled lane closures on State Route 216 (Houston Avenue) in Visalia in Tulare County between Lover's Lane and McAuliff Street. These closures are part of the current widening project for State Route 216 (Houston Avenue).

The following lane closures are tentatively scheduled for next week:

State Route 216 (Houston Avenue) between Lover's Lane and McAuliff Street, may be subject to delays between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily. State Route 216 will remain open to traffic, but will be reduced to one lane in each direction. Flagging personnel may be on site if necessary to allow construction crews to work in traffic lanes and assist motorists through work area. Delays may occur.

Northbound and Southbound McAuliff from Sumter Court to Houston Avenue may have alternating lane closures on Monday, September 16th through Friday, September 20th, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day.

Northbound and Southbound Lover's Lane from Sweet Avenue to Golden West Avenue may have alternating lane closures on Monday, September 16th through Friday, September 20th, 2013 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. each day.

Signal lights at the intersection of Lover's Lane and State Route 216 and the intersection of McAuliff Street and State Route 216 are fully operational. Due to the high volume of traffic during school drop-off and pick-up, commuters are reminded to be aware of pedestrians and pay close attention to road construction vehicles and personnel. Drivers are encouraged to avoid this area during project work hours and use alternate routes when possible.

Closures may continue for longer periods of time if necessary, due to delays caused by uncontrollable events that may occur during road construction procedures.

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