



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC SWITCH TO OCCUR THIS WEEK FOR SAN JOAQUIN RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT

- WHAT:** TEMPORARY STRIPING, LANE CLOSURES AND CONCRETE K-RAIL PLACEMENT BEGINS TONIGHT IN PREPARATION FOR SOUTHBOUND STATE ROUTE 99 TRAFFIC SWITCH THIS FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 17TH.
- WHEN:** TONIGHT, STRIPING AND CONCRETE K-RAIL PLACEMENT FROM 7:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 A.M. THURSDAY MORNING; CONTINUING THURSDAY EVENING UNTIL FRIDAY MORNING.
- WHERE:** FRESNO & MADERA COUNTIES; ON STATE ROUTE (SR) 99 FROM JUST SOUTH OF GRANTLAND AVENUE IN FRESNO COUNTY TO JUST NORTH OF AVENUE 7 IN MADERA COUNTY.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists that *MCM Construction Inc.* continues construction along a 2.9 mile segment of the *State Route (SR) 99 San Joaquin River Six-Lane Widening Project* located within both Fresno and Madera Counties. As part of the next phase of construction at the San Joaquin River bridges the following operations are scheduled as follows:

Tonight and tomorrow night, the contractor will conduct northbound and southbound lane closures, striping and Concrete K-Rail placement operations in order to switch southbound traffic onto two newly constructed travel lanes located within the median along SR 99 at the San Joaquin River bridges.

It is anticipated that early Friday morning, May 17th, southbound traffic will be switched onto two new lanes within the median. Northbound lanes will continue on same alignment. New traffic configurations will continue to be in place for approximately 9 months while the contractor works behind Concrete K-Rail.

(Schedule subject to change due to weather, schedule, or unforeseen contractor operations).

This \$68 million project is anticipated to be completed in summer 2016. Construction operations will continue just west of SR 99 at/near the San Joaquin River Bridges as existing bridges will be replaced and shifted to the west. San Joaquin River recreational users are reminded to avoid the area at/near SR 99 due to on-going construction operations. Motorists are advised that a speed reduction of 60-mph will be in place within the project limits and to adhere to all construction signage. Please watch for highway workers and "Slow for the Cone Zone" at all times.

Caltrans & MCM Construction Inc. thank the residents, businesses and commuters for their patience during this widening improvement project.

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