



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TRAFFIC EXPECTED TO INCREASE ALONG CENTRAL COAST THIS HOLIDAY WEEKEND

CENTRAL COAST – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are reminding motorists to anticipate an increase in traffic on the central coast this Thanksgiving holiday weekend. With rain/snow expected this week, motorists are encouraged to remember these tips to maintain safety:

- Reduce your speed in rainy, foggy and windy conditions. Motorists should be aware that spot flooding may occur at any time along any roadway section.
- Slow down and/or move over when highway workers, law enforcement or tow truck drivers are working on or near the roadway.
- Be aware of electronic message boards and other road signs with information on incidents, changing road conditions, lane closures or detours.
- Make sure that vehicle brakes, windshield wiper blades and tires are in good condition. Motorists should also inspect vehicle head and tail lights for maximum visibility.
- Call 911 to report any incidents or hazardous roadway conditions.

Caltrans will suspend all non-emergency roadwork on the central coast from Tuesday, Nov. 24 at 3 pm until Monday, Nov. 30 at 8 am.

Caltrans crews and CHP officers are prepared to respond 24/7 to any flooding, roadway debris or other emergencies that may affect the state highway system.

The public may view Caltrans network of roadside traffic cameras at: <http://video.dot.ca.gov/> or the statewide highway network for current conditions at: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> or the automated California Highway Information Network (CHIN) @ 800-GAS-ROAD. In addition, the CHP has real time traffic incident information at: <http://cad.chp.ca.gov/>.

