

# NEWS RELEASE



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## **CALTRANS/CHP REMIND MOTORISTS TO EXPECT EXTRA TRAFFIC AND DRIVE SAFELY DURING THE LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**CENTRAL COAST** – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are reminding motorists to drive safely this Labor Day weekend and during the rest of the summer driving season by taking the following steps:

- Abide by the posted speed limit and reduce your speed in areas where congestion or hazards may occur. Motorists should maintain a safe distance between their vehicle and the one in front of them.
- Slow down and move over when Caltrans workers, law enforcement or tow truck drivers are working near the roadway. The public is encouraged to call 911 to report any hazardous conditions or impaired driving.
- 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 and inspect your head and tail lights for maximum visibility on the highway.
- Share the road safely with other users, especially bicyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians.

Caltrans and the CHP are prepared to respond to any emergencies 24/7 that may affect the state highway system.

**No roadwork/lane closures are scheduled on central coast highways from Thursday, Aug. 28 at 3 pm through Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 8 am.**

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/>

