

# NEWS RELEASE



**Today's Date:** Thursday, December 15, 2011

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **CALTRANS/CHP REMIND MOTORISTS TO BE CAUTIOUS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**CENTRAL COAST** – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are reminding everyone to drive safely this holiday weekend by taking the following steps:

- Reduce your speed in the early morning hours where Black Ice may develop, usually near bridges, underpasses and low or shaded areas.
- Reduce your speed when Caltrans workers, law enforcement or tow truck drivers are working near the roadway.
- Be aware of electronic message boards and other road signs with information on changing road conditions, lane closures or detours.
- Make sure that brakes, windshield wiper blades and tires are in good condition and inspect your head and tail lights so you have maximum visibility on the highway.
- Call 911 to report any hazardous conditions.

Caltrans crews are prepared to respond to any rain/snow or other emergencies that may hit the state highway system during the holidays. This will include the use of snow plows and trucks that can deliver sand to locations where road conditions are icy.

**CHRISTMAS WEEKEND: NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED LANE CLOSURES WILL BE ALLOWED FROM FRIDAY, DEC. 23 AT 12:00 NOON, UNTIL TUESDAY, DEC. 27 AT 8:00 AM.**

**NEW YEARS WEEKEND: NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED LANE CLOSURES WILL BE ALLOWED FROM FRIDAY, DEC. 30 AT 12:00 NOON, UNTIL TUESDAY, JAN. 3 AT 8:00 AM.**

The public may view Caltrans network of roadside traffic cameras at: <http://video.dot.ca.gov/>  
In addition, motorists may call the automated California Highway Information Network (CHIN) @ 800-GAS-ROAD to get current conditions for any highway in the state.

