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U.S. HIGHWAY 101 GAVIOTA CURVES PROJECT CONTINUES WITH LANE REDUCTION

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – A project to re-align the northbound lanes of US Highway 101 from north of Mariposa Reina to south of the Gaviota State Roadside Rest Area will continue for the next three weeks with motorists encountering a 24/7 single lane of traffic on northbound US Highway 101.

Motorists can expect delays in this area not to exceed 45 minutes during the evening commute and weekends. Motorists may use State Route 154 as a detour to reach areas north and south of Gaviota. This lane reduction is necessary to perform construction on a new traffic lane.

During this project, motorists on northbound US Highway 101 are unable to turn left onto Gaviota Beach Road to access Gaviota State Park and the Hollister Ranch or turn left onto northbound US Highway 101 from Gaviota Beach Road. Northbound motorists may detour at the State Route 1 Interchange north of the tunnel before returning southbound.

Electronic message boards will be activated to inform motorists. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will ensure the safety of everyone. The contractor for this \$7 million project is Souza Construction of San Luis Obispo, CA. It is expected to be completed this month, weather permitting.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

For traffic updates in Santa Barbara County, motorists may call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit our website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm.

