



# NEWS RELEASE

**Today's Date:** Friday, January 12, 2018

**District:** 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## U.S. HIGHWAY 101 FULL CLOSURE IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY CONTINUES

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – Both directions of US 101 remain closed in Montecito from State Route 150 near Carpinteria to Milpas Street in Santa Barbara due to mudslides. Search and rescue is the priority operation in this area, which affects the progress that can be made toward re-opening US 101. At this point, the estimated opening date of Monday, January 15 is being rescinded and the estimated opening is unknown. Updates will be provided as progress continues to be made.

“We understand the impact that the closure of Highway 101 has on the people of California. We are teamed up with partner agencies responding to this tragedy and are working 24/7 to make progress toward re-opening US 101, while being cooperative with the search efforts underway,” said Sara von Schwind, Caltrans District 5 Deputy District Director of Maintenance and Operations. “This is the department’s highest priority and we are working in close coordination with incident command to get the job done as safely and quickly as possible.”

Motorists may detour from the south by using Hwy. 126 to I-5 north to Hwy. 166 or Hwy. 46 to US 101 north. Motorists may detour from the north from US 101 to Hwy. 46 or Hwy. 166 to I-5 south to Hwy. 126 west to US 101 south.

As US 101 remains closed, the Pacific Surfliner is available for transportation between Ventura and Santa Barbara. Surfliner trains run five round trips per day through the affected area. Trains will likely be busy due to the US 101 closure and more information can be found at [www.pacificsurfliner.com](http://www.pacificsurfliner.com), @PacSurfliners on Twitter or by calling 1-800-USA-RAIL (872-7245).

Island Packers and Condor Express are also offering daily ferries from Ventura Harbor to Santa Barbara Harbor during the Highway 101 closure. More information can be found at <http://condorexpress.com/101-closure-emergency-ferry-service/> or <http://islandpackers.com/ventura-santa-barbara-emergency-shuttle-information-page/>

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

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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](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm) Also, our free Quickmap app will provide real-time information on full closures, CHP incidents, traffic cameras and other important highway information. <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov>



US Highway 101 at Olive Mill Road

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