



NEWS RELEASE

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

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Update #1

OVERHEAD SIGN PANEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT REQUIRES FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE OF NORTHBOUND HIGHWAY 1 OVERNIGHT IN SANTA CRUZ ON TUESDAY, MAY 17

CENTRAL COAST – An overhead sign panel replacement project along Highway 1, will require the full closure of **northbound** Highway 1 at Morrissey Blvd in Santa Cruz, overnight for two hours between 11pm Tuesday, May 17 and 5 am Wednesday, May 18, Caltrans officials have announced.

The contractor will be utilizing a full freeway closure with an off-ramp to on-ramp detour. Below is the information pertinent to the location and time of the full closure. The contractor has a detour plan to make sure traffic has an easy traffic pattern to follow off and on the highway. **Attached is a graphic of the detour plan on a Google maps snapshot.**

Location: Highway 1 Northbound in Santa Cruz County at Morrissey Blvd

Date: 5/17/16 overnight shift (between 11 pm (Tuesday) and 5 am (Wednesday))

Time: 2 hours at most

Delay: Between 10-20 minutes, depending on traffic.

Detour: Contractor will detour traffic to exit at the NB Hwy 1 exit onto Morrissey Blvd (Exit 440). Traffic will stay right on ramp towards Morrissey Blvd. Traffic will turn left at Morrissey Blvd and Rooney St. intersection and then immediate left onto Hwy 1 **northbound** on-ramp from Rooney St. Total Detour Distance is 0.3 miles.

The district-wide project consists of replacing the existing overhead sign panels with new retro-reflective sign panels and turning off the lighting of overhead signs, which will reduce electricity use.

The contractor for this \$1.2 million project to replace signs on various routes in the central coast counties is Peterson-Chase General Engineering of Irvine, CA. Roadwork is scheduled to be complete by the end of December, weather permitting.

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

For more information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-372-0862 or can visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#mon>



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