



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **SALINAS RIVER BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT BEGINS WITH LANE CLOSURES ON HIGHWAY 68 AND SPRECKELS BOULEVARD –TUESDAY, APRIL 19**

SALINAS – As part of the Salinas River Bridge widening project, temporary guardrail placement will require lane and ramp closures on Highway 68 between River Road and Spreckels Blvd. starting on Tuesday, April 19, Caltrans officials have announced. Details are as follows:

- **Westbound and eastbound** Hwy. 68 will have one lane closed from 9 am to 3 pm, 7 pm to 6:30 am (Monday through Thursday) and from midnight to 6:30 am (Friday). One lane in each direction will remain open.
- River Road and Spreckels Blvd. may also have the ramps closed during this timeframe.
- Motorists can expect up to 10-minute delays. Electronic message signs will be posted to alert motorists of this roadwork.

This roadwork is necessary for the major Salinas River Bridge widening project between River Road and Spreckels Blvd. The full project is estimated to be completed in winter, 2018, weather permitting.

The contractor for this \$18 million construction project is Viking Construction Company of Rancho Cordova, CA.

**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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