



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **SALINAS RIVER BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT CONTINUES WITH LANE CLOSURES ON HIGHWAY 68 AND SPRECKELS BOULEVARD FOR BRIDGE DEMOLITION**

SALINAS – As part of the Salinas River Bridge widening project, demolition of the overhang rail on the left bridge, in the westbound direction, requires lane and ramp closures on Highway 68 between River Road and Spreckels Blvd. which began this week, Caltrans officials have announced. Details are as follows:

- **Westbound** Hwy. 68 will have one lane closed from 9 am to 3 pm. One lane in each direction will remain open.
- Spreckels Boulevard **on-ramps** to **westbound** Hwy. 68 will also be closed during this time frame.
- Motorists can expect up to 10-minute delays. Electronic message signs will be posted to alert motorists of this roadwork. This portion of the project should be complete by Friday, June 24.

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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