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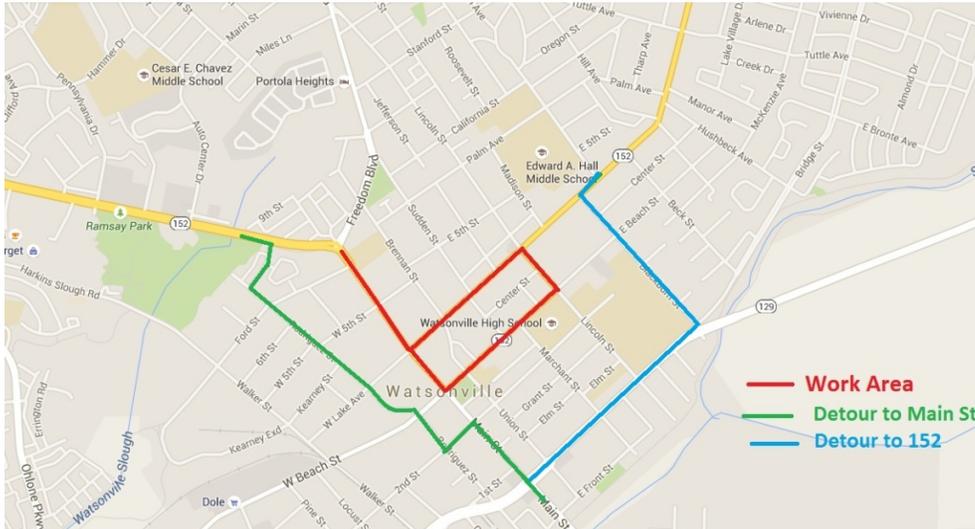
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Update #1

REPAVING PROJECT ON HIGHWAY 152 REQUIRES **ONE-DAY FULL CLOSURE** IN DOWNTOWN WATSONVILLE ON SATURDAY, MAY 30

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – Crews continue on a two-mile pavement overlay project along Hwy. 152 from the Hwy. 152/Hwy. 1 separation to Holohan Road that began May 4 and will require a **one-day** full closure in downtown Watsonville on Saturday, May 30, Caltrans officials have announced.



The full closure will take place on Saturday, May 30 from 7 am to 6 pm in downtown Hwy. 152 and requires the full closure to complete the paving in a more efficient, safer manner. The plan is to take both directions of traffic for a few blocks at a time on Main St. (Freedom Blvd. to West Beach St.) and on West Lake and West Beach streets (between Main St. and Lincoln St). Detour is shown on the right. Motorists can expect a delay not to exceed 15 minutes while taking the signed detour.

The numerous benefits include: 1) Reducing the number of work days and disruption of downtown from four days to one.; 2) Eliminating additional impacts on the already reduced parking, as more restrictions would have to be placed on the parking in both directions for the whole four days; 3) Allowing more efficient work and a better product in the downtown area and 4) Providing more safety for the travelling public.

All work is expected to be complete by the end of July. VSS International from West Sacramento, CA is the contractor for this \$800,000 project.

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

For lane closure information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-423-0396 or can visit our website at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#scr>

