

PROJECT UPDATE

December 22, 2008 - January 2, 2009

**The following update covers the next two weeks through January 2nd.

Route 154 Improvements

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, December 19, 2008 - Over the next two weeks, crews will continue work on the new turn lanes into Vista Point. Due to the holidays, no lane closures will occur between December 24th and January 4th.

At Vista Point, crews will finish striping on Tuesday, December 23rd, weather permitting. During this work, there will be reversing traffic control between 8:30am and 4pm. Motorists should anticipate 5-10 minute delays during this work. Crews will also continue work on landscaping and irrigation improvements.

Work at the other three locations will be minimal, and no lane closures are anticipated.

The Route 154 Improvements occur in four main areas:

- **Improved turnout area on Route 154 (eastbound) - open for use**
- Turning lanes on Route 154 into Vista Point
- **Turning lanes on Route 154 at Paradise Road - open for use**
- Westbound passing lane just east of Route 246 and turning lanes at Route 154/Route 246 intersection

During construction operations, the traveling public is advised to reduce speeds in construction zones as there will be intermittent, temporary lane closures with flagmen to direct traffic through the work zones as needed. SBCAG will also be assisted by CHP patrols to help monitor safety through the construction zones.

SBCAG is funding the project entirely with Measure D, Santa Barbara County's half-cent transportation sales tax. Since 1989, SBCAG has invested nearly \$26 million in Measure D funds to construct safety and operational improvements on Route 154. This included new interchanges with Highway 101 at the north and south junctions and a first phase of operational and safety improvements using Measure D funds in 1997.

Throughout construction, updates will be available on 1-888-SB-ROADS (1-888-727-6237).

