

# PROJECT UPDATE

## January 19 - 30, 2009

### Route 154 Improvements

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA, January 16, 2009 - Over the next two weeks, construction crews for the Route 154 Improvements will be focusing work on the new westbound passing lane, west of Santa Agueda Creek leading up to the intersection with Route 246. Work will continue behind concrete barriers and will not require lane closures. Work over the next two weeks will primarily involve excavation and export of material. Motorists may expect minor delays due to an increased presence of trucks hauling material in this vicinity of Route 154. A bicycle detour has been set up using Armour Ranch Road so that cyclists can avoid the passing lane construction zone.

While three and a half of the four improvements are open for use, additional work will also be completed at Vista Point. No lane closures are required for this work.

The Route 154 Improvements occur in four main areas:

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

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).



