



IMPROVING TRAFFIC FLOW AND SAFETY ON HIGHWAY 101 AND LOCAL STREETS BETWEEN SANTA BARBARA AND MONTECITO.

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Hwy 101 Improvements between Milpas St. and Hot Springs Rd.

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Highlights for this week (details below):

- Northbound Hwy 101 pile driving at Milpas Street requires temporary ramp closure
- Electrical work near the Milpas Street intersection with Hwy 101 southbound on-ramp
- Coast Village Rd night work to remove monitoring wells
- Work at northbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Cabrillo Blvd to start as early as February

Hwy 101 will have 2 lanes open during the day in each direction.

Northbound Hwy 101:

In preparation for the first stage of the Cacique Street under-crossing work, excavation and pile driving will continue near the northbound Hwy 101 off-ramp at Milpas Street. **Between Tuesday and Thursday, January 27th - 29th, the northbound Hwy 101 off-ramp at Milpas Street will be closed between 8am and 4pm for pile driving activities near the ramp.** Motorists are advised to use alternate routes. **On Wednesday or Thursday night, depending on the completion of pile driving activities in the area, crews will close the northbound Hwy 101 off-ramp at Milpas Street to move the pile driving equipment. The ramp will be closed between 9pm and 6am to move the rig.**

Crews will continue laying aggregate base for the new northbound Hwy 101 merge lane between Cabrillo Boulevard and Salinas Street. Crews will also continue work on the new sound wall by the municipal tennis courts.

Southbound Hwy 101:

South of the Hwy 101 bridges over Milpas Street, crews will continue constructing the new hook off-ramp and the upgraded southbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Milpas Street (the on-ramp remains closed during this work). Crews will be grading and laying base for the upgraded southbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Milpas Street next week. Near the intersection of Milpas Street and the southbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Milpas Street, electrical work will occur during daytime hours.

On Hwy 101 southbound between Milpas Street and Olive Mill Road, crews will continue drainage work behind concrete barrier in the shoulder areas.

Montecito Roundabout:

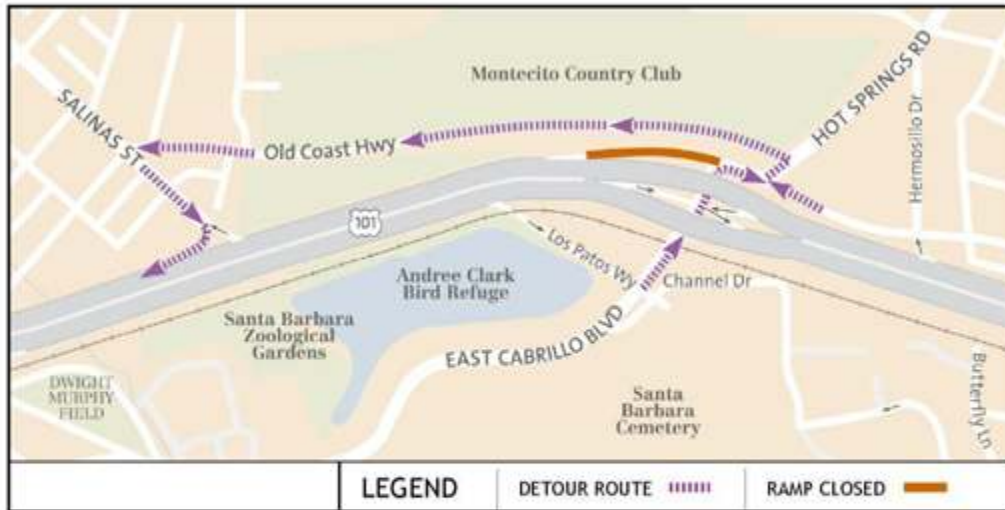
Crews will continue excavation and grading for the new Montecito roundabout near the intersections of Coast Village Rd, Cabrillo Blvd, Old Coast Hwy, and Hot Springs Rd. The majority of work will occur between 7am and 4pm. While area intersections and streets remain open, motorists should anticipate 5 to 10-minute delays through the construction zone.

Between Monday and Friday nights, January 26th - 30th, reversing traffic control will be in effect on Coast Village Road between 9pm and 6am near the intersection with Hot Springs Road. Delta Environmental Consultants will be removing ground water monitoring wells. Well removal will allow for more advanced work on the new roundabout. This work is being conducted on behalf of Shell and is separate from the Hwy 101 construction. Motorists are advised to use an

alternate route unless traveling to a business in the area. Flagmen will be on-site to direct traffic during this work.

A Look Ahead:

Beginning as early as February 2nd, crews will realign the **northbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Cabrillo Boulevard** with the new Hwy 101 northbound merge lane between Cabrillo Boulevard and Salinas Street. During this work, the northbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Cabrillo Boulevard will be closed for up to two months. During the temporary closure, drivers can use Old Coast Highway to access the on-ramp at Salinas Street. Based on work completed to date, crews are optimistic that the ramp will be opened ahead of schedule (weather permitting).



▲ NORTHBOUND HWY 101 ON-RAMP AT CABRILLO BLVD.

This ramp will be closed for 2 months to connect the ramp to the new merge lane. DETOUR: Take Old Coast Hwy and use the Hwy 101 on-ramp at Salinas St.

Work will also begin on the **Hwy 101 bridges over Milpas Street** in the upcoming weeks. During this work, Milpas Street will have temporary closures under the Hwy 101 bridges. It is expected that work on the Milpas bridges will require night closures to move equipment into and out of the area, followed by partial street closures during the day. During the Milpas Street temporary closures, a detour will be in place directing traffic around the closure using Mason, Quarantina, and Cacique Streets as detailed below.



▲ MILPAS ST. CLOSED ON SOUTHBOUND SIDE (TOWARD BEACH) TEMPORARILY

Hwy 101 lanes will remain open in both directions during daytime hours

As we get closer to this work, and the work at the northbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Cabrillo Boulevard, we will send out more details related to closure hours and schedules.

Ongoing Ramp Closures:

The **southbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Milpas Street** will remain closed. While the on-ramp is scheduled to close for up to five months (May 2009), crews are optimistic that they will be able to open the ramp ahead of schedule (weather permitting) due to work already completed. During the temporary closure, drivers can use the southbound Hwy 101 on-ramp at Garden Street.



▲ SOUTHBOUND HWY 101 ON-RAMP AT MILPAS ST.

This ramp will be closed for 5 months to build the 3rd southbound lane.
 DETOUR: Take Milpas St. to Hwy 101 on-ramp at Garden St. (via Hwy 101 or Cabrillo Blvd).

The **southbound Hwy 101 off-ramp at Los Patos Way** (by the bird refuge) will remain closed for up to 12 months (September 2009). During this temporary closure, drivers can use the southbound Hwy 101 off-ramp at Hot Springs Road to access business and services on Los Patos Way.

Project Funding:

The State of California continues to experience a statewide cash crisis due to the projected State budget shortfall and an inability to sell bonds to fund its daily operations. However, on January 16th, California's Pooled Money Investment Account Board voted to allocate funding for some Proposition 1B transportation projects. Based on the board's action, Caltrans expects funds to be available to make payments on the Highway 101 Improvement project for work completed through February 20th. The project team is continuing to monitor the budget crisis and preparing contingency funding plans. On January 15th, the board of the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments voted to authorize negotiations related to a temporary \$2 million loan from regional Measure D funds, if State funds become unavailable at some point in the future. The plans keep the entire project moving forward so that freeway and local street improvements would proceed on schedule. **Currently, construction continues as scheduled.**

Rideshare Incentives:

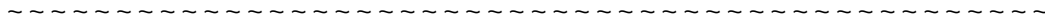
SBCAG, Caltrans, and the project team are encouraging drivers to reduce single-occupant vehicle trips during construction with the *Curb Your Commute* program. [Curb Your Commute](#) with incentives and resources to help you reduce your time on the road and improve your quality of life. Traffic Solutions is offering carpool matching, enhanced bus service, commuter cash incentives, free vanpooling and employer assistance. Visit the rideshare page on www.SBroads.com.

Project Information:

The Highway 101 Operational Improvements between Milpas and Hot Springs include the reconstruction of two major interchanges, six new or improved bridges, freeway widening, and improvements to local streets and pedestrian pathways. The \$53 million construction and landscaping project is funded by Proposition 1B and \$13 million Measure D dollars. This project is a joint Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, Caltrans, and City of Santa Barbara highway and local street improvement program.

Construction is anticipated to take 4 years. The majority of construction will occur behind concrete barriers during daytime work hours; some nighttime lane closures will occur. Motorists should expect an estimated 10 minutes of added travel time in each direction.

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