



## Press Release

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### California Highway Patrol to Ensure Highway 101 Remains Open to Facilitate Evacuations *Highway 101 remains open at this time*

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.)** – The California Highway Patrol, the National Weather Service and public safety partners will monitor storm activity to ensure Highway 101 remains open to facilitate resident evacuations from areas currently under the Recommended Evacuation Warning and if a Mandatory Evacuation Order is issued.

Contrary to speculation, there are no plans to close Highway 101 at 9 a.m. tomorrow March 1. CHP will monitor the storm when it is predicted to meet the threshold to potentially create debris flow. If Highway 101 needs to be closed, the CHP would do so just prior to the arrival the intense portion of the storm. Bands of rain, timing and intensity will guide this decision. Evacuation and closure information will be communicated broadly to the public as decisions are made.

Community members are encouraged to go to [ReadySBC.org](http://ReadySBC.org) for up-to-date information on evacuations and road closures.

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#### In English:

##### Emergency Alert System:

It is critical that people in Santa Barbara County register to receive emergency alerts. Sign up at [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org). If we can't reach you, we can't alert you.

##### Stay Connected:

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#### En español:

##### Sistema de Alerta de Emergencia:

Es muy importante que las personas en el Condado de Santa Bárbara se registren para recibir alertas de emergencias. Inscríbete a [www.AwareAndPrepare.org](http://www.AwareAndPrepare.org), si no podemos localizarte, no podemos alertarte.

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