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**DETOUR FOR HIGHWAY 1/SALINAS ROAD INTERCHANGE PROJECT
SCHEDULED TO BEGIN**

Southbound traffic on Highway 1 will shift to detour road on August 15

MONTEREY COUNTY – Traffic patterns on Highway 1 near Salinas Road will change on August 15, when a new detour road paralleling Highway 1 will open.

The detour, which will affect southbound traffic on Highway 1, will take vehicles off Highway 1 and to the west of the area where the new Salinas Road overcrossing will be built; the detour road rejoins Highway 1 at Jensen Road (see graphic below).

This means that southbound traffic on Highway 1 will not have access to Salinas Road and will have to use the posted Hwy 129 detour to access Salinas Road.

Northbound traffic will still have access to Salinas Road.

This is the first phase of the detours for the Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange Project; it is scheduled to last one week.

The second phase of the detour is scheduled to open approximately one week after the first phase, and will consist of putting the northbound Highway 1 traffic on the detour with the southbound Highway 1 traffic. This detour is expected to last one to two weeks and means that both southbound and northbound traffic will not have access to Salinas Road and will have to use the posted Hwy 129 detour to access Salinas Road.

Upon completion of the second phase of the detour, both southbound and northbound traffic will have access to Salinas Road using the Salinas Road detour.

All detour durations are subject to construction progress.

The Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange Project will construct a new interchange at Salinas Road and Highway 1, north of Moss Landing near the Santa Cruz county line. The new interchange will include construction of a three-lane structure (Salinas Road) over Highway 1

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with three diamond-type ramps and one southbound loop on-ramp. A frontage road (Hilltop Road) will be constructed from Jensen Road to Salinas Road west of Highway 1 and connect opposite the southbound ramps.

This \$30 million project adds vital safety improvements to a high accident intersection and will reduce delays on Highway 1. The Highway 1/Salinas Road Interchange was funded by Prop. 1B, a state transportation bond measure approved by voters in 2006.



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