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Temporary Lane Closure on State Route 118 in Ventura County Expected to Create Significant Traffic Delays

Drivers Are Strongly Advised to Use Other Routes If Possible

MOORPARK – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced that emergency repairs after recent storm damage are likely to cause significant traffic delays on State Route 118 west of the city of Moorpark, starting next week and continuing through February.

Caltrans strongly advises drivers to use other routes or plan for delays when traveling on the two-lane SR-118 between Moorpark, on the east, and the Oxnard-Ventura area on the west.

December storms created heavy runoff that caused severe erosion, undermining the shoulder of the road. Caltrans is repairing the slope on an emergency basis to prevent damage to the highway lanes and utility lines along the shoulder of the road. The work area is between Sand Canyon Road and Balcom Canyon Road, approximately three miles west of Moorpark.

While the repair work is underway, one lane of SR-118 will be closed between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday, in the work area. That will leave only one lane available for traffic going in both directions. A flag crew will direct drivers while one-way traffic control is in effect.

The weekday lane closure will begin during the week of January 15. The actual starting date has not yet been determined. No lane closure will occur on weekend days. Warning signs will be in place to alert drivers about the closure. The lane closure is estimated to be in effect at least until late February. The work schedule is weather-permitting and is subject to change.

Burns Pacific Construction Inc. is the contractor on the \$530,000 project, which is being paid from state funds. The project involves repairing up to 500 linear feet of slope along the shoulder of the road, including placing boulders and drainage repair for slope protection.

Caltrans reminds drivers to “Be Work Zone Alert.”

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