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NEXT SEGMENT OF US 101 HOV PROJECT IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY NOW UNDERWAY WITH SIGNIFICANT FUNDING FROM SB-1

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – A kick-off ceremony was held today for the start of the third phase (five total) of construction on the 11-mile long US 101 HOV Widening project from Santa Barbara to Carpinteria.

This next phase of construction 'Padaro Segment' will add a carpool lane in each direction between Santa Barbara and Carpinteria enhancing traffic safety and providing traffic congestion relief for motorists along this busy corridor.

The beginning of roadwork on this project is a direct result of the availability of SB-1 funds and will allow Caltrans and its partners to upgrade this primary north-south route for travelers on the south coast of Santa Barbara County," said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

This project will also include new bridges along US 101 at Arroyo Parida and Toro Creek, three new soundwalls, relocate on/off ramps from the left to right side and a bikeway to improve local access. This phase is scheduled to be complete by the summer of 2023.

This phase of construction includes \$185 million in SB-1 funding with the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) contributing funds from its Measure A sales tax program for transportation. The contractor for this project is Granite Construction of Santa Barbara.

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SB-1 funding provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB-1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB-1. For more information about other transportation projects funded by SB-1, <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov>

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

For traffic updates in Santa Barbara County, motorists may call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at: 805-549-3318 or can visit our website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>



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