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## Caltrans To Begin Street Improvement Project on Highway 1 Thanks to Federal and Senate Bill 1 Funding

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY** - Caltrans will soon begin construction on a major improvement project on Highway 1 in San Luis Obispo County. This \$13 million project includes \$11.4 million in federal funding and \$1.6 million in funding from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“This project will enhance safety and provide a better experience for all travelers, including pedestrians and bicyclists along this stretch of road,” said Caltrans District 5 Director, Scott Eades.

This project will resurface nearly seven miles from the US 101 Interchange at State Route 1/Mattie Road in north Pismo Beach continuing south through Pismo Beach, Grover Beach and Oceano to just south of Valley Road near Gracia Way. This project also includes new concrete retaining walls, bridge rehabilitation and safety improvements, new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant curb ramps, and new traffic and lighting systems which include the intersection of SR 1 and Pier Avenue.

Construction is scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 16 and will result in shoulder and lane closures during the overnight hours from 8 pm to 6 am. Delays are not expected to exceed 20 minutes.

Travelers can expect a full road closure of Highway 1 during the day and night for nearly three months from Gracia Way to Valley Road in Oceano with the exact dates and detours to be announced when certain.

The contractor for this \$13 million project is CalPortland Construction of Santa Maria. The project is expected to be complete in November 2023 followed by one year of plant establishment.

SB 1 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.

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*State Route 1 before the project*

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