Caltrans Accelerates Projects on U.S. Highway 50 in Sacramento County Due to SB 1 Funds

Crews will repave almost 200 lane miles & improve 17 bridges this summer providing a safer and smoother commute for motorists

Sacramento County — Caltrans will repave U.S. Highway 50 from the El Dorado/Sacramento County line to west of Sunrise Boulevard in Sacramento County, due to funds from Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“Over the years there has been tremendous growth in El Dorado County resulting in more wear and tear of the highway,” said Caltrans Director Laurie Berman. “This project allows crews to make immediate repairs providing a safer and smoother commute for all motorists, including truckers hauling freight, who use the highway every day.”

More than 114,000 vehicles per day use the highway to reach their destination, and nearly 8,300 trucks per day use this segment of US-50. About 42 percent of those trucks on the highway have five or more axles, creating more wear and tear on the highway.

“Without this SB 1 funded project, the pavement would continue to deteriorate, which would have a direct impact on travelers and result in costly maintenance repairs in the future,” said Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet S. Benipal. “Having a smooth roadway is not only important for commuters but for tourists who travel this highway on their way to places like Apple Hill and South Lake Tahoe.”

The $9.5 million pavement project has been awarded to local business contractor, Granite Construction of Sacramento, who will fill potholes and repave and restore the highway to improve traffic safety. Work is scheduled to begin the week of May 14 and take place during the night.
Beginning this month, Caltrans will also begin construction on 13 SB 1 funded projects in the Sacramento region, including six pavement projects, a project to relieve congestion, two bridge projects and four striping projects to increase visibility of lane lines.

Caltrans is also partnering with local agencies to expedite projects that will relieve congestion, improve the movement of freight and improve transit services. Caltrans is already working with the Sacramento Regional Transit to accelerate a rail modernization project that will expand light rail services for residents in the Folsom area.

Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, and Be Work Zone Alert. Work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and/or construction-related issues. More information and updates on projects can be found at http://www.dot.ca.gov/d3/projects/ or on Twitter via @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3.

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of approximately $1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027. Additionally, more than $1.3 billion annually will fund projects to relieve congestion, improve the movement of freight and improve transit services.

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1, visit http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/

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