



# News Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Caltrans to Replace Toro Creek Bridge on Highway 1** *Bridge replacement north of Morro Bay made possible by SB 1 funds*

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY** — Caltrans announced today it will begin work to demolish and replace the old Toro Creek Bridge on northbound Highway 1 north of Morro Bay. The \$5.7 million bridge replacement project is entirely funded by Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“This important infrastructure project is another illustration of how SB 1 funding is making a big, positive difference by advancing infrastructure improvements not only here on the Central Coast, but throughout the state,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

Beginning Monday, May 9, Caltrans will close the left lane in both northbound and southbound directions to install a protective barrier for highway workers. Travelers headed northbound on Highway 1 will be diverted onto current southbound lanes, with two-way traffic divided by a center median. This traffic control measure will allow for the demolition of the bridge on northbound Highway 1. A bicycle detour will also be established with signage near the project area.

The contractor for the Toro Creek Bridge replacement project is Souza Engineering Contracting of San Luis Obispo. Weather permitting, Caltrans expects work to be completed by Spring 2023.

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. For more information about other transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](https://www.RebuildingCA.ca.gov).

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones. For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, travelers may contact Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the [Caltrans District 5 website](#).

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Photos of Toro Creek Bridge on Highway 1 in San Luis Obispo County

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