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HIGHWAY 156 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FROM SAN JUAN BAUTISTA TO HOLLISTER TO BEGIN CONSTRUCTION

SAN BENITO COUNTY – A project to construct a new four-lane expressway adjacent to Highway 156 between San Juan Bautista and Hollister is set to begin construction.

The San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project will construct a four-lane expressway immediately south of the existing Hwy. 156 alignment. This 5.2-mile project will begin in San Juan Bautista at The Alameda and continue to just east of Hwy. 156 Business Route (4th St.) in Hollister.

Initial construction activities will begin with overnight work to apply new striping and to install K-rail along extended segments just off the shoulder of eastbound Hwy. 156.

Travelers will encounter one-way traffic control in both directions of Hwy. 156, from 9 pm to 5 am, beginning Sunday August 21. Overnight, one-way traffic control, will take place through the morning of Friday August 26. The location of the traffic control will vary each night as crews make progress in installing the K-rail.

Once the K-rail is placed, crews will work behind the K-rail to perform initial clearing and earthwork activities. Only occasional traffic control is anticipated on an as needed basis during this project. Most of the work is focused along the new alignment of Hwy. 156 and away from the existing roadway.

During construction, access will be closed from Hwy. 156 to Mission Vineyard Rd. in San Juan Bautista. Also, travelers will not be able to access San Juan Hollister Rd. from Union Rd.

Updates for the San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project can be found on the Transportation Updates page of the Council of San Benito County Governments at:
<http://sanbenitocog.org/transportation-updates/>

The contractor for this project is Teichert Construction of Sacramento, CA. This project is expected to conclude in Fall 2024.

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

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Benito County, travelers may contact Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at:
<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>

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