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ALL FOUR APPORACHES TO ROUNDABOUT REDUCE TO SINGLE LANE STARTING WEDNESDAY NOV. 2

UPDATE #8

SAN BENITO COUNTY – As the next phase of construction proceeds, all four approaches to the intersection of State Routes 25 and 156 will be reduced to a single lane beginning Wednesday Nov. 2.

Travelers can expect significant delays on their commute through the construction zone.

In advance of this, travelers will encounter overnight closures of the #2 (right) lane on all four approaches to the roundabout on Monday Oct. 31, and Tuesday Nov. 1, from 8 pm to 5 am. These overnight closures will permit crews to apply temporary striping and install K-rail.

Once these concrete barriers are in place, travel will be reduced to one lane in each of the four approaches to the Hwy. 25/156 roundabout. With slight variations in the placement of the K-rail, travel will be reduced to one lane on all four approaches to the roundabout construction for the next several months.

Message and directional signs will be in place to alert travelers in advance of these lane closures.

Speed limits throughout the construction zone will continue to be reduced to 35 mph. The speed limits will apply to all the approaches to the intersection of the two highways and is necessary to provide for the safety of construction crews and travelers.

About the Roundabout Construction

Designed to advance safety, the roundabout project will reduce the number and severity of collisions at the intersection of State Routes 25 and 156 where the current signalized intersection is experiencing a pattern of broadside and rear end collisions due to a recurrence of red light runs.

The contractor for this \$10.7 million construction project is Graniterock of San Jose, CA and the project is scheduled to be completed in the Fall of 2023.

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