



News Release

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UPDATE #5
**HIGHWAY 156 IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
SET FOR ROAD AND LANE CLOSURES**

SAN BENITO COUNTY – Construction on the Highway 156 Corridor Improvement Project will result in a long-term closure of San Juan Hollister Road starting next week.

Beginning Monday Oct. 24, San Juan Hollister Road will be closed between Union Road and Business Route 156. The realignment of San Juan Hollister Road is part of the Corridor Improvement Project. This closure is scheduled to be in place until May 2023.

Travel on Highway 156 will be unaffected by the closure of San Juan Hollister Road.

Also, beginning Wednesday Oct. 26, there will be temporary daytime closures of Union Road between Highway 156 and San Juan Oaks Road.

Flaggers will stop travelers on Union Road every 15 to 20 minutes to permit heavy machinery to carry their loads across Union Road. Travelers can expect delays of up to 5 minutes. This daytime flagging operation is scheduled to remain in place until Nov. 10.

About the Project

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.

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 Summer 2025.

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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