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UPDATE #9
**HIGHWAY 156 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT RESUMES
AS DRIER CONDITIONS PREVAIL**

SAN BENITO COUNTY – Construction on the Highway 156 Corridor Improvement Project has resumed after winter rains slowed construction efforts.

Drying conditions have meant that crews have work to stabilize the drying soil utilizing lime treatment. Crews have also continued clearing and grubbing the project area between the Alameda and San Juan Creek.

Over the course of the next three weeks crews are scheduled to construct a trestle across San Juan Creek, continue with lime treatment of the soil, and continue with clearing and earthworks.

During the first week of May, and with weather permitting, crews will start excavation at Union Road Hill and haul material across Union Rd. with flagging operations.

Crews will install electronic and directional signs along Hwy. 156 to alert travelers of a possible delay at the intersection of Hwy. 156 and Union Rd. A flagging operation will stop vehicles on Union Rd. during those times when trucks and equipment need to cross. A full traffic plan will be announced during an update next week.

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.

**Our crews deserve to get home safely too.
Drive slowly and carefully in work zones.**

Road information and updates can also be found on Caltrans District 5 Social Media platforms: Twitter at: @CaltransD5, Facebook at: Caltrans Central Coast (District 5) and Instagram at: Caltrans_D5.

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