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**ROUTE 1/17 MERGE LANES PROJECT STATUS UPDATE**

The Market Street Undercrossing closed May 2 for bridge work. This closure will continue until early August to allow improvements to be made to the Market Street structure, and to help minimize construction equipment impacts to local and highway traffic associated with the earthwork excavations between Market and Morrissey.

Utility relocations, clearing and grubbing activities, earthwork, and the beginning of soundwall construction are expected to continue/start this month.

We are working towards addressing public concerns brought up at our informational Open House April 19 on soundwall locations by taking additional noise measurements at specific residences to verify noise levels. We have been working with adjacent property owners to save trees that are not in conflict with construction of the project.

A presentation of the project was made to the Santa Cruz City Council on May 9. We were provided feedback on our Public Outreach plan, and will continue to look for ways to make project information easily accessible.

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