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ROUTE 1/17 MERGE LANES PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Branciforte and Carbonera Creek work is complete as required by environmental permits. Structure foundation construction in the creeks is complete, rip-rap rock slope protection along the creek banks placed, and creek diversions removed. No other work in the creeks is required. This is a major accomplishment towards completing the project.

Sound walls F, G, and H have been completed, and work continues on sound walls A and E. Work on the sound walls is progressing as scheduled.

Saturday October 22nd and 29th, nighttime (midnight to noon) pile driving is required at the Market Street undercrossing. Aerial power lines above the operation must be deactivated to perform this work safely. These power lines feed UCSC who have required that this work be done on the weekends when power can be supplied by generator. We have received complaints on this weekend night work, but hope to complete it as soon as possible.

Clearing and grading on Highway 17 is now being done. Excess soil from grading and excavation at other locations in the project limits will be placed in these areas as fill material necessary for the final built condition.

Erosion control – hydroseeding and fiber rolls are being placed along newly graded slopes to reduce winter stormwater erosion. Much of the project is being winterized in this way.

A closed circuit television camera has been installed to view the project area. We are currently testing the system before making it available on the project website in November.

The project's contingency balance for Contract Change Order's (CCO's) is rapidly being depleted. Major CCO's to date include removing unsuitable material from the median (soils were not suitable for roadway base), and removal of unknown buried man-made objects (concrete) in and around the creek bridges. Construction is assessing needs with the remaining contingency balance.

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