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## LAUREL CURVES PROJECT COMPLETED ON HIGHWAY 17 NEAR SCOTTS VALLEY

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY**– The Laurel Curves project that began in May 2006 to widen shoulders and lanes, upgrade drainage and guardrail on Hwy. 17 was completed last month, according to Caltrans officials.

The ¼ mile project went from So. Laurel Rd. to North Laurel Road. The cost was \$4 million and the contractor was Granite Construction from Watsonville.

“Widening the lanes and taking the sharpness out of the curves will increase the public’s safety in the area,” said Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District Director.

Caltrans worked closely with the California Highway Patrol (CHP) and the Santa Cruz Regional Transportation Commission (SCCRTC) to monitor traffic patterns and make safety improvements on this busy corridor.

A secondary contract to landscape the area will begin shortly and take a year to complete. Caltrans reminds motorists that ‘we’re here to get you there’.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Cruz County, the public can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 831-423-0396 or visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upscr.htm>.



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