



**Today's Date:** Thursday, July 24, 2008

**District:** 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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### **BRANCIFORTE REOPENS TODAY**

**Branciforte Avenue Overcrossing reopened to all traffic today Thursday, July 24.**

**The Emeline Avenue Under Crossing remains open where it passes underneath Hwy. 1 from Fernside St. to Lee St. Work consists of one lane open with reverse one-way traffic control during daytime hours from 7 am to 5 pm for concrete finish work. Pedestrian access along Emeline Ave. Under Crossing will be maintained during the work.**

**Median work between the Market Street Bridge and the Fishhook continues during daytime hours through July 28. Paving will follow from July 29 through August 1.**

**The Morrissey northbound offramp will be closed next Wednesday, July 30 through Friday, August 1 during daytime hours due to paving and resurfacing. Motorists may use previous offramp (Soquel) or the following offramp (Emeline).**

The project is about 80% complete with construction completion scheduled for fall of 2008, provided all work is done without unexpected delays.

A new separate project to landscape and re-vegetate the area will begin after construction is complete and plant establishment will last for about three years.

For more information regarding this project, the public may call the toll-free project/road information hotline with weekly project updates at 888-836-0866 or Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs staff at 831-423-0396 during regular business hours. Or e-mail us at [info-d5@dot.ca.gov](mailto:info-d5@dot.ca.gov). The project website will also be regularly updated at <http://www.hwy1-17.caltrans.ca.gov>.

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