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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Caltrans Urges Drivers to 'Be Work Zone Alert' During Project on State Route 150 in Ventura County**

*Temporary Traffic Signals Operating Between Santa Paula and Ojai*

SANTA PAULA — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today urged drivers to exercise patience on State Route 150 in rural Ventura County, where one-way traffic control is in effect during a nearly \$3.3 million project to stabilize slopes.

With one lane closed in the work zone, only a single lane is available for traffic going in both directions. Caltrans has placed temporary traffic signals that are operating 24/7 on the highway between Ojai and Santa Paula.

Since the work began in early December, Caltrans engineers have monitored and adjusted the timing of the temporary traffic signals and added pavement markings and signs to advise drivers of the changing traffic conditions.

This month, Caltrans is adding signs to give drivers additional warning about the brief delays they should expect at the temporary traffic signals. The signals are set to provide enough time for motor vehicles and bicycles to clear the area before traffic in the opposite direction gets a green light. SR-150 is a popular route for bicyclists in the hilly, scenic region.

The temporary measures are necessary for the safety of workers and travelers while concrete barriers are being constructed along the edge of the highway to stabilize slopes in two locations. The project area is located between Steckel Park on the south and a point approximately one mile north of Thomas Aquinas College. At each location, one lane of the two-lane highway is closed for a distance of approximately 1,000 feet because of the construction activity.

The project is estimated to be completed by spring 2017. The work schedule is weather-permitting and is subject to change. The contractor on the project is C.A. Rasmussen Inc. of Valencia. The amount of the contract is nearly \$3.3 million, from state and federal funds.

Caltrans reminds drivers to "Be Work Zone Alert" and "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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