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*****Update*****

MEDIAN BARRIER INSTALLATION ON HIGHWAY 101 IN SALINAS BEGINS

(Monterey County) – Work crews today began a project to construct a five-mile long concrete median barrier on Hwy. 101 from just south of Spence Road to Airport Boulevard in Salinas, Caltrans officials announced.

Alternating lane closures will be in effect with at least one lane open in each direction at all times. Work hours will be Mondays through Thursdays from 8 am to 3 pm and Fridays from 8 am to 12 noon. Up to 10-minute delays are anticipated. Work is expected to be completed by the end of December, weather permitting.

This median barrier will improve motorist safety for this heavily travelled stretch of highway just south of Salinas.

The contractor for this \$3.7 million project is Granite Construction Co. from Watsonville.

Caltrans reminds motorists that 'we're here to get you there.'

For lane closure information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-372-0862 or can visit our website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upmon.htm

