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NEW PAVING PROJECT STARTING ON PCH

MALIBU – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close one lane of Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) for approximately one half mile beginning at Malibu Lagoon Bridge (just south of Cross Creek Road) and going south **daily** from Monday, April 28 through Friday, May 2. The hours will 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. northbound and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. southbound.

The closure marks the beginning of a \$7 million, 11.6-mile paving project from Malibu Lagoon Bridge to the McClure Tunnel. Work consists of removing existing concrete pavement and replacing it with Rubberized Asphalt Concrete (RAC), including removing and replacing raised pavement markers, traffic striping and markings; adjusting manhole cover heights; and modifying loop detectors (speed sensors embedded in the roadway). The project is expected to complete in Fall, 2009.

After this initial series of daytime closures, the work will take place at night, with rolling closures that will be picked up before the morning commute. Therefore, motorists should anticipate only minor, if any, inconvenience.

Rubberized Asphalt Concrete overlay is more durable and longer-lasting than conventional asphalt and thus requires less maintenance. RAC is not only cost-effective but can also reduce noise and provide significant environmental benefits in its use of old tires as a component. This RAC project will preserve the roadway and provide a smoother, safer driving surface for motorists.

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