UPDATE FOR I-15 CAJON PASS STORM DAMAGE PROJECT

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues work to repair a section of southbound Interstate 15 (I-15) just south of State Route 138 (SR 138), which collapsed on February 17 during a storm-related flash flood. The dry creek bed that runs below the southbound side of I-15 overflowed and eroded the slope beneath the roadbed. This resulted in the collapse of the shoulder and number 5 lane of southbound I-15. An emergency project began the next day with Skanska, Inc. to make repairs to the damaged roadbed and slope.

The contractor has completed the concrete lane and shoulder in addition to the lower slope back fill. The new lanes will require an approximate 14-day cure period to provide the same strength as the original lanes which were replaced last summer. Work is now taking place to rebuild the “riprap”, or loose stone used to form a foundation for breakwater, on the lower embankment. The riprap is being replaced with 6-ton boulders instead of the original 3-ton boulders to provide more protection in future flood events.

Caltrans and Skanska, Inc. have determined that it will be necessary to keep the #5 lane and shoulder closed to motorists until the project is completed in order to provide a safe work zone for motorists and the work crews while heavy equipment is providing the riprap material. The reduced four lanes will remain available to the traveling public until the completion of the project, which is estimated for mid-April, weather permitting. Electrical lighting and missing signs will also be reinstalled. The contractor will work in 8-hour daytime shifts for the remainder of the project.

Motorists are advised to reduce their speed and not make lane changes through the reduced lane configuration. Trucks, buses and RV’s must use the right two lanes. Stay connected with Caltrans and traffic conditions with our Quickmap at http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/.

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