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## **I-40 PAVING PROJECT TO BEGIN**

**Interstate 40 near Essex**– The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the beginning of a 30-mile pavement rehabilitation project on Interstate 40 (I-40) near Essex. The contract was awarded to Granite Construction Company in September 2007. This \$44 million project will begin early spring and will continue until late fall 2009. Work will include new asphalt paving, wider shoulders, improved drainage, upgraded guardrail and rumble strip installation.

Interstate 40 has heavy concentration of elements such as traffic, heavy vehicles and extreme weather which all take their toll on the roads. As a result, the roadway on I-40 between Kelbaker Road and Mountain Spring Road over crossing is deteriorating. This project will provide motorists and truckers with a smoother more comfortable drive.

In order to complete this work, lane and ramp closures will be necessary. At least one lane will be open to motorists at all times. Future commuter alerts will be provided as new lane closure information becomes available. This information can be obtained by visiting the Caltrans website at [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) and go to CT connect.

Caltrans would like to thank motorists for their patience and support as we work to improve your roads. Avoid frustration by allowing extra travel time. As safety is Caltrans number one priority for both motorists and workers, we ask that motorists please be aware of the construction area and always make a point to ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***

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