



# NEWS RELEASE

## 16-038a Update

**Date:** April 5, 2016

**District:** 8 – Riverside/San Bernardino

**Contact:** Philip Havins Terri Kasinga

**Phone:** (909) 383-4631 (951) 232-4268

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## STATE ROUTE 18 MEDIAN PROJECT UPDATE

**SAN BERNARDINO** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to begin work on April 11 to install a three beam guardrail for the State Route 18 (SR 18) Median Project between Sierra Way and State Route 138 (SR 138), also known as Crestline Cutoff. The project was put into motion when a higher than average number of cross over collisions occurred on this section of the route.

Caltrans began working with the communities of Crestline and Lake Arrowhead two years ago regarding the installation of a concrete median barrier. During those discussions it was decided that there would be hydrology issues with water and ice runoff if a solid concrete median was installed. It was determined that a three beam guardrail (see photo below) would mitigate some of those issues in addition to minimalizing future maintenance and repairs.

The \$4 million project was awarded to Alcorn Fence Company. The guardrail installation is scheduled to begin on April 11<sup>th</sup> (weather dependent) and will require the left lane, or one of two lanes, closed in both directions of SR 18 in two mile increments during work hours which are Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Traffic impacts are expected to be minimal but motorists are advised to add a little extra commute time to avoid any unforeseen delays.

**Motorists are advised that the speed limit reduction for the project from 55 MPH to 45 MPH will now only be enforced during the work hours in the actual work zone, which will be signed each work day. The California Highway Patrol (CHP) will be on location during the closures to monitor traffic and strictly enforce the reduced speed, which is subject to double fines within construction zones. Work will begin on the lower end of SR 18 between post miles 12 and 15 to meet environmental constraints, then move uphill to just below SR 138 and continue downhill until project completion at the end of summer 2016, weather permitting.**

Caltrans worked closely with law enforcement and emergency responders to determine strategic access points along the nine-mile stretch where the guardrail will be placed. Animal crossing locations have also been designed into the project. The work is expected to be complete by winter 2016 (weather permitting).

For Caltrans roadwork information please go to our website at <http://sv08data.dot.ca.gov/memos/memos.php?f=subscribe> and sign up for alerts. Follow traffic conditions on the Caltrans Quickmap at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.



###