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CALTRANS MAKES YOUR DRIVE A LITTLE SAFER

San Bernardino County - Caltrans will begin a project to install flashing beacons at the railroad crossing on State Route 58 (SR-58) near Kramer Junction (State Route 395). The flashing beacons will be installed on both sides of the railroad crossing to alert motorists of oncoming trains. Work will begin on Monday, October 15, and is expected to be completed by mid-November 2007.

The work hours are Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Intermittent traffic control may take place with one lane open for passage. The delays are expected to be minimal during the traffic control. Most of the work will be performed on the shoulder of SR-58.

Did you know that 52% of crashes are caused by motorists trying to go around the lowered crossing gates or ignoring flashing lights? One-fourth of all crashes involve drivers trying to beat the train across tracks and actually running into the side of the train. In the U.S., every 90 minutes a vehicle and train collide. The difference in weight between a car and a train is 4,000 to 1 --- about the same as between an aluminum can and a car.

Don't risk it – trains can't stop. And remember, the life you save may be your own when you "Slow for the Cone Zone".

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