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STATE ROUTE 138 ROCK REMOVAL

San Bernardino County – Caltrans will continue to remove portions of Mormon Rocks for the safety improvement project on State Route 138 (SR-138). The location of the project is west of Interstate 15 (I-15) to the Los Angeles County Line.

Several detonations for removal of rock are necessary for realignment of SR-138. The next blast will take place on Monday, October 16. SR-138 will be reduced to one lane with reversible traffic control at approximately 7:00 a.m. at Mormon Rocks, just west of I-15. Sometime thereafter, several detonations will take place. The detonations will be quite larger than the ones that took place last Monday, October 9.

As a result, SR-138 will be closed longer than the originally estimated 30 minutes in order to remove debris on the highway. Once the highway is cleared the route will reopen. For a detour during the closure, motorists may take I-15 north to US 395, exit and continue to SR-18 and go west back to SR-138. This detour may be used in reverse for eastbound traffic on SR-138.

Residents are advised that the blast may cause some noise and minor vibrations.

Construction will continue on SR-138 Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Fridays until 1:00 p.m. Flagging, or reversible-traffic control, will take place intermittently during work hours from Mormon Rock west on SR-138 to the Los Angeles county line from fall 2006 to spring 2007. The contractor will not close lanes during inclement weather or snow.

Motorists are advised that minimal delays of approximately 15 minutes will be experienced during the flagging. Please add a little extra time to your commute. For updates on Riverside and San Bernardino county state highway work, please go to our website at www.caltrans8.info and click on "Press Releases" or call (866) 383-4631 for information.

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