



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **SALINAS RIVER BRIDGE WIDENING PROJECT CONTINUES WITH LANE CLOSURES ON WESTBOUND HIGHWAY 68 NEAR SPRECKELS FOR BRIDGE DEMOLITION AND STRIPING**

SALINAS – As part of the Salinas River Bridge widening project, lane and ramp closures on Highway 68 from Reservation Road to Spreckels Blvd. begin tomorrow, Thursday, July 28 through next Friday, Aug. 5, Caltrans officials have announced. Details are as follows:

- **Westbound** Hwy. 68 will have the #2 (right) lane closed from 9 am to 3 pm and from 9 am to 2 pm on Friday. One lane in each direction will remain open.
- Spreckels Blvd. **on-ramps** to **westbound** Hwy. 68 will also be closed during this period.
- Motorists can expect up to 10-minute delays. Electronic message signs will be posted to alert motorists of this roadwork.

Roadwork consists of demolishing the overhang bridge from tomorrow, Thursday, July 28 through Wednesday, Aug. 3 and temporary striping on Thursday, Aug. 4 and Friday, Aug. 5.

This roadwork is necessary for the major Salinas River Bridge widening project between Reservation Road and Spreckels Blvd. The full project is estimated to be completed by Dec. 2017, weather permitting.

The contractor for this \$18 million construction project is Viking Construction Company of Rancho Cordova, CA.

**Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones.**

For more information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Monterey County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-372-0862 or can visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#mon>

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