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Work underway on Highway 49 safety project

Grass Valley – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is advising motorists and local residents that work has begun on the \$29 million Highway 49/La Barr Meadows Project, just south of Grass Valley. The project will widen a 1.5 mile section of the highway between Little Valley Road and Norambagua Way from two lanes to a four-lane highway, with new concrete safety barriers. In addition, a new traffic signal will be added at La Barr Meadows Road, making it easier and safer for local residents to access the highway. Funding for the project includes \$7.6 million in voter-approved Proposition 1B funds and \$2.0 million from American Recovery Reinvestment Act. Completion of the project is expected by the end of 2012.

The project's prime contractor, De Silva Gates Construction, will be performing various types of work in the upcoming month including: the removal of trees and stumps, the placement of temporary concrete barrier adjacent to the construction area for safety, installation of drainage culverts and temporary signs. Excavation of the new roadway alignment will begin, with the northbound traffic transitioning into one lane, just north of Alta Sierra. There will be breaks in the temporary concrete barrier to allow access for local residents.

Motorists can expect delays of up to ten minutes between 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday. Work has been scheduled at night to minimize impacts to motorists. Weekly updates regarding the location and hours of work can be found at the following Caltrans website:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist3/departments/d3press/roadworkInfo.php>.

Roadside message boards will be used to post the latest information. Unexpected weather may prolong or cause the work to be rescheduled. Caltrans urges motorists to use caution in this area and to "Slow for the Cone Zone".

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