



## News Release

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### **Highway 1 Interchange at Salinas Road Receives State Construction Funds**

Construction on a new interchange at Highway 1 and Salinas Road will begin this September with the award of \$29.2 million today from the California Transportation Commission (CTC) in Proposition 1B transportation bonds funds. This project will reduce traffic congestion and motorist safety north of Moss Landing near the Santa Cruz County line.

"After a 4 month delay due to the state budget crisis I am relieved to see this critical project funded," said Debbie Hale, Executive Director of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

"In these cloudy economic times this news is truly a ray of sunshine. Not only does the construction of this project bring millions of dollars into the local economy along with many new jobs, but it will also save countless lives by improving one of the worst intersections along Highway 1 in North County. My thanks to everyone at CalTrans and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County for making this happen." -- Supervisor Lou Calcagno



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The Transportation Agency will post a call for bids this June with a groundbreaking ceremony expected in late August or September. The new interchange adds vital safety improvements to a high accident intersection and reduces delays for 43,000 vehicles per day on Highway 1. The new interchange will include construction of a 3-lane structure (Salinas Road) over Highway 1 with 3 diamond-type ramps and one southbound loop on-ramp, including stoplights. A frontage road will be constructed from Jensen Road to Salinas Road west of Highway 1. A frontage road will also be constructed east of Highway 1 to provide access to local businesses.

"This is great news for commuters, truckers and visitors in the Monterey Bay Area," said Caltrans District 5 Director Rich Krumholz. "This wonderful project will significantly improve traffic flow and safety and create many new construction jobs, which is so important for the economic recovery of California and the country."

Construction of the much-anticipated interchange is expected to take two years to complete. For more information, please visit Caltrans' website project page at:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/salinas\\_rd/index.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/salinas_rd/index.htm)

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