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**NEWS RELEASE — UPDATED INFORMATION**

**Caltrans Plans to Complete Pavement Preservation**

**on State Route 23 in Ventura County as Initially Designed**

**VENTURA COUNTY** — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced it will install an asphalt overlay on a two-lane segment of State Route 23 (Westlake Boulevard) from Potrero Road to Carlisle Road in accordance with the pavement preservation plans for SR-23, from U.S. 101 to Carlisle Road.

Caltrans had considered postponing the overlay on the two-lane segment due to budget issues on the revised $5.5 million project, but has determined the work can be completed with the allotted funds. Details will be finalized closer to the time of construction, estimated to begin in about 60 days. The completion date is still to be determined.

The contractor, C.A. Rasmussen, Inc., has completed repaving Westlake Boulevard from Potrero Road to U.S. 101 in Thousand Oaks — in time for the reopening of area schools — but is continuing work on lane stripes (including bike paths), loop sensors that control traffic signals and other details. Completion is expected in early September.

The project includes upgrading curb ramps to standards in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), repaving the roadway, filling potholes, and completing other long-lasting repairs to enhance traffic safety on SR- 23. The 3.3-mile section of the highway included in the project expands from a two-lane mountain pass to a six-lane thoroughfare (closest to U.S. 101).

Caltrans reminds drivers to be “Work Zone Alert” and to “Slow for the Cone Zone.”

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