



News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROUNDAABOUT PAVING AT HIGHWAY 68 AND HIGHWAY 1 TO RESULT IN OVERNIGHT CLOSURES NEXT MONDAY/TUESDAY

MONTEREY COUNTY – A highway paving operation on Highway 68 (Holman Highway) continues next week with overnight closures of the roundabout at the Junction of Hwy. 1 and Hwy. 68.

Work to apply a slurry seal to the roadway will result in a closure of the roundabout on Monday August 22 and Tuesday August 23, from 9 pm to 5 am.

Access to CHOMP will remain open in both directions of Hwy 68. Travelers exiting CHOMP will be routed through Pacific Grove.

The southbound Hwy. 1 off ramp to westbound Hwy 68 will remain open. Travelers will be able to use the auxiliary lane of the roundabout to exit to westbound Hwy. 68. However, travelers on westbound Hwy. 68 will not have access to 17 Mile Drive or to travel in the eastbound direction of Hwy. 68.

The entrance to 17 Mile Drive near the roundabout will be closed during project hours.

The northbound Hwy. 1 off ramp to westbound Hwy. 68 will also be closed during project hours. However, access to Aguajito Rd. will remain open.

Travelers exiting 17 Mile Drive near the roundabout will be detoured to the southbound Hwy. 1 on ramp and directed to take a right on Carpenter St. where they can make a U-turn to return to northbound on Hwy 1.

Travelers heading eastbound on Hwy. 68 from Pacific Grove will be detoured via David Ave. to Lighthouse Ave. and to Munras Ave. to reach Hwy 1.

Travelers will be able to access Pacific Grove via the Hwy. 1 Munras Ave. exit and can detour via Munras Ave. to Lighthouse Ave. to David Ave. to reach Hwy. 68 in Pacific Grove.

Message and directional signs will alert travelers of available detours.

Travelers can expect delays of up to 10 minutes.

A slurry seal on this segment of roadway is part of a larger paving project that will stretch along 3.2 miles of Highway 68 from Sunset Drive in Pacific Grove to just west of the junction of Highway 1 and Highway 68 in Monterey. Work to bring drainage inlets up to grade, paving, slurry seal, striping, and modification signal and lighting systems are all part of the scope of this project.

The contractor for this \$5.6 million project is Graniterock of Watsonville, CA.

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

For traffic updates on other state highways in Monterey County, travelers may contact Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit the District 5 website at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5>

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