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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TWO-DAY TREE REMOVAL ON EASTBOUND HIGHWAY 68 IN MONTEREY NEAR CHOMP—NEXT WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—LONG DELAYS EXPECTED

MONTEREY— A two-day, 1/4-mile tree removal maintenance project on **eastbound** Highway 68 just west of the Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP) in Monterey is taking place next Wednesday, Sept. 14 and Thursday, Sept. 15, Caltrans officials announced today.

Roadwork consists of one-way reversing traffic control on eastbound Hwy. 68 from 9 am to 1 pm at each location. **Motorists can expect delays of 15-20 minutes.**

There will be an electronic message board alerting motorists of these closures. CHP will be present to assist with traffic control.

The purpose of this maintenance work is to improve traveler safety by removing some dead pine trees. Roadwork is being done by the Caltrans Monterey Maintenance and Salinas Tree Crews.

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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