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## COUNTY LAUNCHES MID-COUNTY ROAD WORK AS PART OF ITS ANNUAL ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

April 21, 2025 – Santa Cruz, CA – The County of Santa Cruz Department of Community Development & Infrastructure (CDI) has begun its seasonal pavement work as part of the Annual Road Maintenance Program.

The program coincides with the county's 27-week construction window, during which crews can take advantage of dry weather to complete roadwork. Of those 27 weeks, about nine will be dedicated to paving in each region—mid-County, south-County, and north-County. While paving crews focus on those areas, other teams will carry out essential maintenance such as roadside mowing, roadside ditch clearing, and striping.

"We're taking advantage of the good weather to deliver critical annual maintenance to roads our community relies on," said CDI Director Matt Machado. "This is the ideal time to pave, maintain, and prep before the winter season."

This season's mid-County maintenance work will include:

- **State Park Drive** – At the overpass, work is scheduled for today, April 21.
- **East Cliff Drive** – From Moran Lake Park to Pleasure Point Drive, April 22–25.
- **Porter Gulch Road** – Between Soquel Drive and Hudson Lane near Cabrillo College, April 28 to May 5.
- **Branciforte Drive** – Between Branciforte Ridge and Treehouse Way, May 6–12.
- **Happy Valley Road** – Between Branciforte Drive and the Conservancy Loop area, May 13–16.
- **Jarvis Road** – From Vine Hill Road to Hall Ranch Drive, May 19–23.
- **Laurel Road** – A short section between Highway 17 and Laurel Road Loop near Redtail Ridge, May 26 to June 3.
- **Schulties Road** – Short section near Redwood Lodge Road, June 4–5.
- **Morrell Road** – The majority of the roadway section between Soquel San Jose Road and Summit Road, June 6–11.
- **Stetson Road** – The majority of the roadway between Soquel San Jose Road and Skyland Road, June 12–20.

Crews will work on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will have traffic control measures in place to ensure safety and minimize disruptions.

“Our crews are out there every day—mowing, patching, clearing ditches, and responding to emergencies—so we see firsthand which roads need help the most,” said Roads Superintendent Alex Sandoval. “We’re looking at safety, access, and how each road serves the larger network.”

This work reflects the County’s continued investment in road maintenance. This phase of work is funded by the Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA), also known as the “Gas Tax.” This maintenance cycle is part of the County’s regular Annual Road Maintenance Program.

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