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### **Union Valley Parkway Phase III Broadway to Hummel Drive Construction to Begin**

Beginning on Thursday, August 1, and lasting for several weeks, construction will take place at the intersection of Union Valley Parkway and Broadway (State Route 135).

This latest phase of work will include the installation of new signal poles, removal of a portion of the center concrete barrier on Broadway, widening of the northbound Broadway approach to Union Valley Parkway, grinding, paving, and the installation of new roadway striping to complete the new four-way intersection. This work is expected to take approximately four weeks to complete. In an effort to reduce impacts to the traveling public and enhance public safety, some of the roadway work on Broadway may be scheduled to be completed at night. CalPortland Construction is performing the construction under contract with the City of Santa Maria.

On Thursday, August 1 and Friday, August 2, the existing signal will be taken out of service while new signal poles and wiring are installed. This work will be completed during daylight hours. During this work, Union Valley Parkway will be closed between Foxenwood Lane and Broadway. Local traffic will be routed to nearby Foster Road.

The driving public may experience delays due to these traffic control efforts. The City strongly recommends that drivers obey all temporary construction traffic control signs and flagmen, and use alternate routes whenever possible to avoid delays in travel time.

The entire Union Valley Parkway corridor construction is a joint effort between the City, Caltrans, and Santa Barbara County. The segment of Union Valley Parkway from Blosser Road to State Route 135 was completed by the City in 2011, and the County completed improvements to the intersection of Union Valley Parkway and Bradley in 2010. Caltrans is currently overseeing construction of the Union Valley Parkway interchange at Highway 101, which is anticipated to be completed this fall.

Upon completion of this project and the 101 interchange, the UVP corridor will provide an east/west arterial connection from Blosser Road to Highway 101. Since the early 1960s, the Union Valley Parkway has been planned as a major east-west primary arterial roadway for the City and the County. Over the years, the County has reserved right-of-way and constructed segments of the proposed UVP as development has occurred along the route. No other route is available in the area to provide this connection.



The funding for this project is provided from Measure D Regional Funds, Measure A funds and Regional State Local Partnership (SLPP).

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