



### NEWS RELEASE

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

On Monday, March 25, CalPortland Construction, under contract with the City of Santa Maria, will begin the construction of Union Valley Parkway (UVP) Phase III between State Route 135 (Broadway) and Hummel Drive. Motorists are asked to observe detours. Construction is expected to be complete in the fall of this year.

This project includes new roadway construction from State Route 135 to Hummel Drive, relocation of the Orcutt Road east of Highway 135, a new traffic signal at Union Valley Parkway and Orcutt Road, miscellaneous drainage improvements, pedestrian and ADA accessible facilities, and street lighting along both Union Valley Parkway and Orcutt Road. This project is a joint effort between Santa Barbara County and the City of Santa Maria Public Works departments.

The entire Union Valley Parkway corridor construction is a joint effort between the City, Caltrans, and Santa Barbara County. The segment of UVP 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 Road in 2010. Caltrans is currently building the UVP interchange at Highway 101, which also is anticipated to be completed in the fall of this year.

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, this 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).

During the initial phase of this project, Orcutt Road south of Foster Road will be closed to through traffic. Detour signage will be installed to route traffic around the closure. This closure will be in effect throughout the project. As the project progresses, additional temporary traffic control will be necessary on Broadway and on Hummel Drive. The driving public may experience delays due to these traffic control efforts. The City staff 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.

Questions may be directed to the Public Works Office/Engineering Division, 925-0951 ext. 225.

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