



Looking south along Highway 1 at Mud Creek,  
near Gorda, in Monterey County

## Caltrans District 5



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Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and  
efficient transportation system to enhance  
California's economy and livability.

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## District Director's Report

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### Highway 1 at Mud Creek is Open

Caltrans and its local partners recently celebrated the opening of Highway 1 at Mud Creek, near Gorda, in Monterey County. The roadway is now open all the way through Big Sur from Carmel to San Simeon, following a massive landslide in May 2017. The catastrophic event washed out a quarter-mile of highway, moving six million cubic yards of earth material and displacing 50 acres of land, and created 2,400 feet of new shoreline. Caltrans rebuilt the highway segment across the slide area, buttressed with several embankments and compacted soil along with berms, rocks, netting, culverts and other stabilizing elements. Construction for the \$54 million emergency project was ongoing 24/7 for the project duration and completion occurred two months ahead of schedule.

### Caltrans is Hiring

With significant SB 1 investment, Caltrans plans to hire new workers to help deliver projects and offset a retiring workforce. Positions exist statewide in many fields, including engineering, surveys, maintenance, information technology, accounting, legal, planning, and more. We are also assisting small businesses and minority and veteran-owned companies to contract with the state. We are streamlining how we deliver projects in a way that helps us reduce needed resources while investing more in projects. More information: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/jobs/>



### SB 1 Moves California

Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, nearly doubles transportation funding for both local communities and highway maintenance. The transportation bill generates \$54 billion over the next decade to rebuild streets, freeways and bridges in communities statewide while funding transit, congested trade/commute corridors and active transportation projects. In District 5, the bill is funding multiple safety and rehabilitation projects, including:

- US 101 - 9.8 miles of pavement, Monterey County, \$129 million
- US 101 - 6.14 miles of rehabilitation, Santa Barbara County, \$69.1 million
- Highway 9 - Two bridge replacements, Santa Cruz County, \$23.2 million
- US 101 - 8.1 miles of pavement, San Luis Obispo County, \$9 million
- US 101 - 2.3 miles of pavement, San Benito County, \$1.4 million

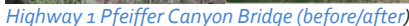
Statewide, Caltrans is committed to fixing more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges, 55,000 culverts, and 7,700 traffic operating systems. More information: <http://rebuildingca.gov/>



### Caltrans and partners celebrate project's completion Highway 246 Passing Lanes Completed

Caltrans and its local transportation partners recently held a ribbon-cutting event celebrating the completion of the Highway 246 passing lanes project between Buellton and Lompoc in Santa Barbara County. The \$19 million project provides safe passing opportunities. The project is funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program and Measure A.

Thanking all the local partners for their contribution to the project, Acting District Director Richard Rosales noted the public will now enjoy enhanced safety, better visibility and a smoother ride along this corridor. Caltrans' partners included Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, California Highway Patrol, County of Santa Barbara and the cities of Buellton and Lompoc.



Caltrans' prestigious work on the new Highway 1 Pfeiffer Canyon Bridge was recently recognized for excellence, partnership, emergency repair, technology and innovation. In February 2017, heavy storms damaged the 1968 bridge beyond repair, causing major rock slides near Lucia and Gorda, and cutting off both north and south access to Big Sur. This resulted in significant financial, social and livability impacts in this area.

Caltrans recently awarded five adaptation planning grants (Fiscal Year 2018/19) in District 5 funded through SB 1. These included:

- Golden State Bridge, collaborated through design and completed the project in just eight months—a process normally taking up to eight years. A unified command—comprised of many local, state and federal agencies, elected officials, business representatives and advocacy groups—successfully helped the team to meet its high goals within cost, scope and schedule.



A photograph showing a row of electric vehicle charging stations in a parking garage. The stations are tall, silver, and have black charging cables. A white car is partially visible on the right, with a charging cable plugged into it. The background shows the concrete structure of the parking garage and other cars parked further away.

