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Caltrans, Gas Company Work May Cause Coast Highway Traffic Delays

NEWPORT BEACH, CA – January 24, 2008 – A series of Caltrans-approved projects along West Coast Highway will necessitate traffic lane closures and may cause delays throughout the spring months. All work has been permitted by Caltrans, the agency responsible for maintaining this stretch of roadway.

The Gas Company is currently relocating a gas line along the southbound side of Coast Highway from Newport Boulevard to just east of Riverside Avenue. The project should be completed in February.

Caltrans is working on a traffic signal rehabilitation project at the intersections of Coast Highway & Riverside Avenue and Coast Highway & Tustin Avenue. This project began earlier this month and should conclude in April.

In March, Caltrans plans to begin rehabilitating the pavement along West Coast Highway from Newport Boulevard to Dover Drive. The project should be completed in May.

Caltrans maintains Pacific Coast Highway from Jamboree Road west to the Santa Ana River and from Newport Coast Drive east to the city border. The City of Newport Beach maintains the portion of the roadway from Jamboree east to Newport Coast Drive.

While these projects are the responsibility of other agencies, the City of Newport Beach is concerned about the traffic and safety impacts associated with the work. The City is working with Caltrans to ensure its contractors limit the hours of roadway closures, implement advanced warning signs and maintain a safe passageway for motorists. The City's Public Works and Police Departments are in regular contact with Caltrans and its contractors to discuss and resolve any traffic and safety issues.

For more information, please contact the Caltrans Public Information Office at (949) 724-2000.