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County of Santa Barbara and the Federal Highway Administration to Repave Gibraltar Road Portions Closed April 13-May 22

(Santa Barbara, CA) –To improve access and safety from Santa Barbara to the Los Padres National Forest, Santa Barbara County and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will repave 6.5 miles of Gibraltar Road. The project boundaries are from the City/County line to East Camino Cielo. As part of an agreement with the FHWA, the County will pay 20% and the FHWA will pay 80% of the \$2.5 million project. The project will break ground on April 13 and will be completed by June 30. Paving Gibraltar Road will improve the ride quality for the next 20 years.

Due to the narrow width of the road, the pavement removal, and the difficulty of paving the vertical grades and horizontal curves, the road will be closed from April 13 through May 22 during construction. Access will only be available to residents during this time.

This project was made possible by a grant through the FHWA's Federal Lands Access Program, which provides for work on public transportation routes located on or near federal lands. These facilities must be owned or maintained by a state, county, town, township, tribe, or municipal or local government.

County Public Works Director Scott McGolpin said, "The County is excited about the repaving of Gibraltar road and improving the overall condition and safety of this facility for the traveling public, recreational users, and utility companies. We remind all users of Gibraltar Road to please avoid this facility during this road reconstruction effort."

For more information, visit cosb.countyofsb.org/pwd. For information on traffic issues during construction, call Kayla Cruse (Traffic Control Supervisor, Eagle Peak Rock and Paving) at (704) 900-4825.

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