

I'm sure that most of you have noticed, to your considerable relief, that Caltrans has made sudden and significant progress on the striping of Route 1 through Pacifica. Getting guardrail installed and scheduling striping crews have made that possible.

Next week, work crews will begin striping both directions of the portion of Route 1 between the Devil's Slide Tunnel and Gray Whale Cove.

Striping work, of course, needs good weather. If it's too foggy, it is dangerous to work near live traffic, and the stripe won't stick very well. If it rains, the stripes won't stick at all. That said, it seems likely that Caltrans would be able to stripe between the Tunnel and Gray Whale Cove and complete that portion.

Caltrans will also try to get to the section between Interstate 280 and Route 35. I'm sure that would make a lot of people happy as we have gotten some feedback about that section.

A problem we've encountered is a shortage of striping crews. Striping crews are at a premium these days, as Caltrans upgrades the freeway stripes to the new 6" stripes, which are much more visible and will better accommodate navigations systems of new cars. Also, many projects want to complete striping before the weather turns wet and cold.

However, Caltrans feels that we will move much further along toward getting the stripes on the pavement next week.

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