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Work to start on Highway 17

Granite Construction Co. will begin work tomorrow morning on resurfacing 13 miles of Highway 17.

The \$1.4 million project will repave the four-lane highway between Granite Creek Road in Scotts Valley and Highway 9 in Los Gatos, Caltrans said today.

During the repaying, motorists can expect traffic delays of up to 15 minutes as the construction company closes one lane in each direction.

Work on the project was delayed. Santa Cruz-area merchants successfully petitioned Caltrans to delay work in the southbound lanes until after the Labor Day weekend. Awarding of the contract to Granite Construction was also held up until Granite showed that it had made a good-faith effort to meet Caltrans's requirement for minority- and women-owned business involvement.

The work schedule for this week is:

Wednesday

The southbound Lane No. 1 will be closed between sunrise and 3 p.m. The contractor will begin installing construction signs on southbound Highway 17 between Summit Road and Crescent Drive.

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In the northbound direction, Lane No. 1 will be closed between Crescent Drive and the Glenwood cut-off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. while work is in progress.

Thursday

Lane No. 1 will be closed in the northbound direction from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Vine Hill Road and Brush Road. Granite will be grinding pavement and removing lane markers.

In the southbound direction,

the No. 1 lane will be closed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. between Highway 9 and the Summit.

Friday

The pavement grinding and lane marker removal will continue. Northbound lane No. 1 will be closed from 9 a.m. to noon between Crescent Drive and the Summit.

Lane No. 1 in the southbound direction will be closed from 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. for a one-mile stretch south of Highway 9. It will also be closed for one mile north of the Summit to the Summit from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.