



# Press Release

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Lee Vining Rockfall Safety Project set to start construction May 4th

**Bishop** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is preparing for construction on the Lee Vining Rockfall Safety Project.

The project's purpose is to improve safety for the traveling public by minimizing rocks falling from the steep adjacent slopes onto US Hwy 395 in Mono County, north of Lee Vining near Mono Lake, from postmile 52.3 to 53.7. The project also includes a plant establishment program on the six slopes involved to reduce erosion, establish healthy soil, and promote successful revegetation.

Construction is scheduled to begin on May 4<sup>th</sup> with the installation of stormwater protection and construction signage. A temporary traffic signal will be installed on May 5<sup>th</sup>, and traffic will be reduced to one lane with a 24 hour / 7 days a week reversing traffic pattern.

The traveling public should be prepared for daily lane closures with delays no longer than 20 minutes, Monday thru Thursday from 5:00 am to 8:00 pm and Fridays 6:00 am to 3:00 pm with flaggers and a pilot car.

As of May 12<sup>th</sup>, one hour delays could occur Monday thru Thursday from 6:00 am to 7:00 am. Notices will be posted when exact dates become available for the one hour closures.

The contractor awarded the project is Papich Construction Co. Inc. from Pismo Beach, CA. on March 26, 2015. The contract bid amount was \$5,799,999. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the fall of 2015 or spring of 2016.

Six portable changeable message signs in addition to the five existing signs will be used for public notices related to the project.

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