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COMPLETION OF SOQUEL DRIVE REPAIRS

The County of Santa Cruz is pleased to announce the restoration of Soquel Drive at Aptos Village to two lanes beginning late Friday, February 2.

One of the County's priority storm repairs following the winter of 2016-17, the project took several months to complete as the County and contractor, Watsonville-based Granite Construction, worked to repair a large slipout at Valencia Creek that impacted traffic following severe winter storms.

Repairs include installation of a retaining wall, road regrading and new guardrail. The road will be restored to two lanes by evening commute hours on Friday, with mop-up work to continue over the next 1-2 weeks.

Primary funding for the emergency project was provided by the Federal Highway Administration, with supplemental funding by Caltrans. Local funds to complete the project were provided through SB 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The impacted road precedes the construction of Highway 1 and was originally built in the 1930s as part of the old Santa Cruz-Watsonville Highway.