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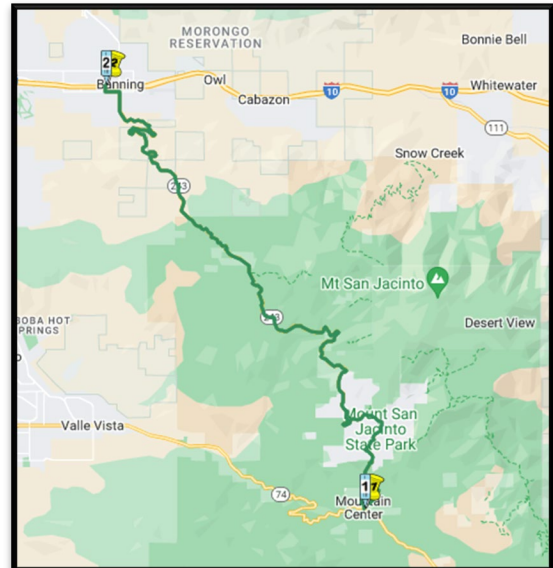
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Route 243 Mill and Overlay Pavement Safety Work Mountain Center to Banning

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) continues work on a \$16.9 million pavement safety project on State Route 243 (SR-243). This work is funded through Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

This project will improve road conditions with mainline and shoulder paving, guardrail enhancements, lighting and sign panel upgrades, storm drainage improvements, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) curb ramps as part of the Complete Streets program.

Work operations will occur near Idyllwild, Pine Cove, and Fern Valley from the State Route 74 (SR-74) Junction near Mountain Center to Interstate 10 (I-10) Junction near Banning.



Schedule of operations

Monday – Friday 7:30p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Monday through Thursday, crews will perform grind and pave operations southbound towards Mountain Center.

Friday, crews will turn at Mountain Center and begin grind and pave operations northbound.

One-way traffic control with flagging and pilot cars will be in effect at various locations, on SR-243.

Approximate flagging wait times per side may take up to 20 minutes. Plan-ahead and please be mindful of work area signage as law enforcement will enforce applicable laws and regulations. Please proceed cautiously as work vehicles and crews may move in and out of shoulder areas.

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Figure 2 Grind and Pave operations



Figure 3 Drainage System #8 Photo Location

Construction signs have been placed in the project zone, as well as clearings in shoulder areas and high visibility fencing for environmentally protected areas. Project work is expected to be completed by winter 2026. All work is weather and material dependent.

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