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## State Route 138 Emergency Roadway Repairs Near Crestline

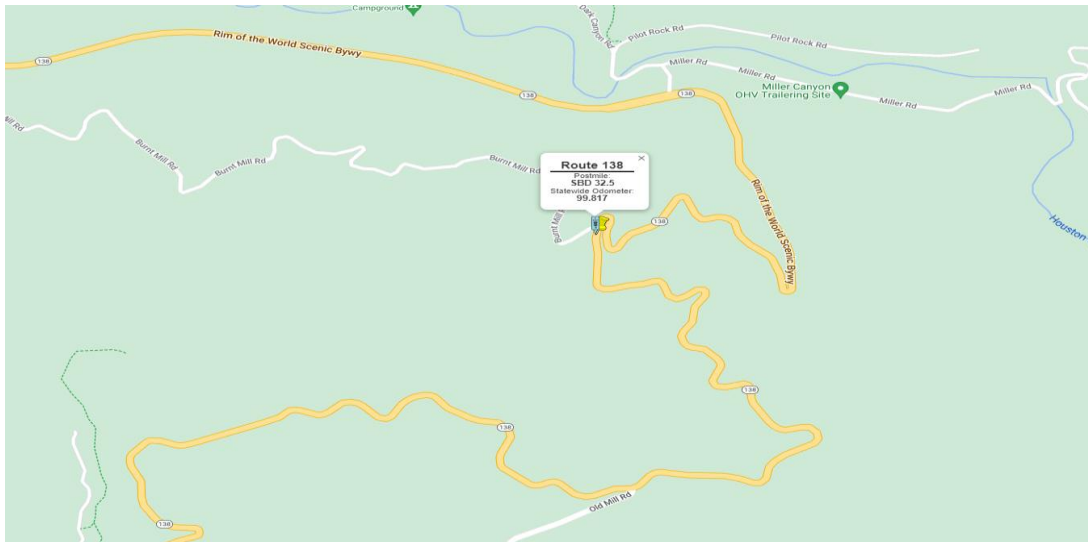
**SAN BERNARDINO** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has initiated a \$2.8 million emergency project to repair State Route 138 from storm damage.

On March 2, 2023, crews noticed large pools of water at PM 32.5, that toppled over the roadway, and down the embankment. Upon further inspection, crews saw undermining occurring on the shoulder and downbound lane. Crews also noticed that the water had created a new path, and it was not flowing properly to the existing drain. The route was effectively closed until further notice.

An Emergency Directors order was established, and Myers and Son, was awarded the contract, and responded to the area with Caltrans Geotechnical Engineering to begin assessments. Additionally, Caltrans staff began the process of obtaining necessary permits to prepare for construction work to begin.

Crews began repairs on Saturday, March 10, first performing excavation, and the placement of an additional culvert for the water's new path. They will continue to backfill the diversion culvert, and work on the newly installed headwall. Once these items are complete, staff will repair the shoulder and berm, and install rock slope protection in the area. After those repairs, the road will be prepared for paving, striping and reopening of the roadway.

At this time, we estimate 2-3 weeks until the roadway is fully reopened – this timeframe may decrease or increase as it is weather dependent. Below are photos from the worksite:



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Crews have already installed the additional culvert and have backfilled the area with materials.



The old culvert, located on the left, and the new culvert on the right.





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Crews continue to create a new headwall to assist in evenly distributing water to the two culverts.



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