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Caltrans Haiwee Clear Recovery Zone Project Construction to Start Monday, March 14, 2016

Bishop – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is preparing for construction on the Haiwee Clear Recovery Zone Project.

The purpose of this project is to reduce accidents and improve safety of the southbound two lanes of the four-lane US Highway 395 in Inyo County from PM 20.3 to PM 22.3. This will be achieved by widening the southbound outside shoulder to 10 feet, flattening fill and cut slopes on both sides of the highway, extending culverts, and removing large boulders from within the recovery zone. Widening the outside shoulder will provide a paved surface for motorists to pull off the traveled way, establish a separate pathway for cyclists and pedestrians, provide errant drivers more paved recovery area, and allow Maintenance to safely maintain the roadway. The safety benefit of widening shoulders, along with rumble strips, has been shown to reduce accidents by 50%.

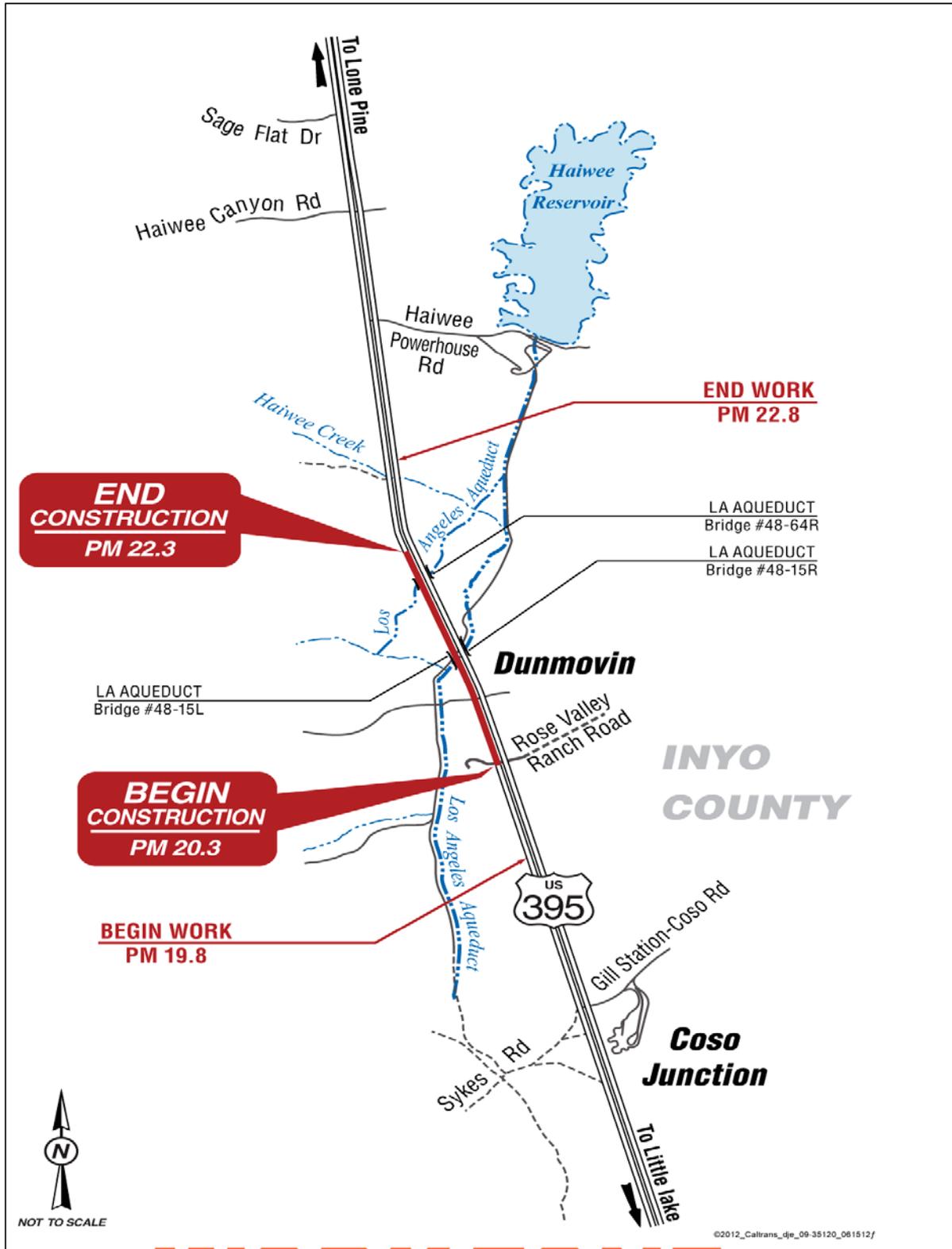
The traveling public should not experience any delays due to this construction project. At times during construction, a single lane and shoulder may be closed. Please watch out for workers, slow down, and move over.

The contractor awarded the project is Cutting Edge Concrete Services from Oro Grande, CA. The contract bid amount was \$1,715,686. Construction is scheduled to be completed by June 2016.

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