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DPW TO INSTALL TEMPORARY BRIDGE AT SWANTON ROAD

In order to maintain access for residents and emergency vehicles, the Santa Cruz County Department of Public Works will begin installation of a temporary bridge along Swanton Road at Molino Creek.

Swanton Road was severely damaged during winter storms, and is one of the County's top priorities for repair. The work will require a full closure of Swanton Road at Molino Creek between Sept. 25-Oct. 20, impacting access for vehicles and bicycles. Detour signs will be posted in the area.

The temporary bridge is needed in order to maintain access on the deteriorating roadway while the County works on a permanent repair, which is not expected to get underway until 2018 due to the extensive design and permitting requirements of the site.

The temporary bridge will feature dual 78-foot flatbed rail cars, which are capable of carrying CAL FIRE trucks, vehicles associated with Cal Poly's Swanton Pacific Ranch and other heavy vehicles. Once completed, the bridge will handle all standard and emergency vehicle traffic.

The \$200,000 installation is being performed under an emergency contract with Conley General Engineering of Santa Cruz.