

Work begins to replace bridge

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Crews were busy this week to replace the SR12 bridge over the Calaveras River.

Preliminary work began earlier this month on State Route 12 between San Andreas and Valley Springs to replace the bridge over the North Fork of the Calaveras River.

Steelhead Constructors out of Redding has been hired by the state for the \$17 million construction project expected to be completed in 2028. The new bridge will have two 12-foot lanes, two 8-foot shoulders and new bridge railings to meet current standards.

The work will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1-A will be the removal of the old bridge, including bridge demolition and replacement, a new roadway alignment, paving and striping.

Motorists should expect daytime, one-way traffic control Mondays through Fridays during phase 1-A of the project according to Caltrans. The one-way traffic controls could mean up to 15-minute delays. Phase 1-B will use traffic lights and signage for traffic control, with shorter delay times.

The work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment/materials and/or construction-related issues, Caltrans added.