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## **Temporary Road Closures Anticipated with U.S. 191 Safety Improvement Project**

**San Juan County, Utah (August 14, 2019)** – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will begin a two-mile safety improvement project on U.S. Highway 191 as early as Monday August 19th between *La Sal Junction* and *Hole-'N'-The-Rock* that will require regular road closures to accommodate blasting.

The project aims to improve recovery for vehicles that wander from the travel lanes by excavating into existing rock cuts and upgrading barrier to new standards or removing barrier where slopes can be leveled.

Full road closures of up to 45 minutes may occur Monday through Thursday before 8:30 a.m. and after 6:00 p.m. to protect the safety of both workers and travelers. Single lane closures with alternating traffic and delays of up to 20 minutes may be anticipated at other times.

Motorists should be prepared for lower speeds and traffic queues due to the lane closures and the effect of the steep grade on larger vehicles attempting to start and stop.

Scheduled closures will be posted at [www.udot.utah.gov/go/191Blasting](http://www.udot.utah.gov/go/191Blasting). Real-time traffic information is available on the [UDOT Traffic web page](#) and the [UDOT Traffic App](#).

Construction inquiries may be sent to [udotregion4@utah.gov](mailto:udotregion4@utah.gov).

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