

For Immediate Release

U.S. 191 Full Road Closures Begin Wednesday Morning

San Juan County, Utah (September 16, 2019) – The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will close U.S. Highway 191 between La Sal Junction and Hole-n-the-Rock in both directions for 45 minutes beginning at 7:15 Wednesday morning, September the 18th. An additional 45 minutes in delay should be expected as traffic queues clear following the opening of the roadway. Full road closures may also be possible beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The closures may take place at these times any day Monday through Thursday for several weeks. Scheduled closures will be posted at <u>www.udot.utah.gov/go/191Blasting</u> as they become available. Real-time traffic information is available on the <u>UDOT Traffic web page</u> and the <u>UDOT Traffic App</u>.

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.

The closures will accommodate the safety of workers and travelers as blasting takes place on a two-mile safety improvement project on U.S. Highway 191 between mileposts 107 and 109.

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

Construction inquiries may be sent to <u>udotregion4@utah.gov</u>.

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