

## WORK ZONE SAFETY PRESS RELEASE: CALIFORNIA

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### **California Rental Association Supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's Work Zone Safety Outreach Campaign in California**

**Sacramento, CA** – California Rental Association announced today it is joining efforts to help reduce large truck crashes in works zones by supporting a state-wide work zone safety outreach campaign led by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). CRA calls on all drivers to "share work zones safely" by staying alert, obeying traffic signs, and allowing all vehicles extra space while driving through California's active work zones.

Throughout the campaign FMCSA will amplify safety messages through outlets such as billboards and audio ads, reaching commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers traveling through the (827)+ active work zones across the state including:

- **Northern California:** Heavy construction zones in San Francisco, San Jose, and Sacramento
- **I-80:** From the bay area to the Nevada state line
- **State Highway 99:** North and south bound throughout the state
- **Kern County:** At least 6 anticipated construction projects
- **Greater Los Angeles area:** I-5, I-10, I-15, I-110, I-405, and many others

"We are pleased to be a part of an effort to remind not only CMV drivers, but all those on California's roadways to slow down and pay attention when driving through work zones," said Jeff Roberts "There is a clear need to raise awareness on work zone safety. We're proud of the Golden State for many reasons– but we still need everyone to do their part to prevent roadway crashes."

California has a large and complex roadway system with over 394,000 lane miles of public roads. The roadway system encompasses diverse environments and provides mobility for nearly 27 million licensed drivers and millions of pedestrians and bicyclists. The state also has the fifth largest economy in the world, making these public roads the foundation for reliably moving people and goods from one place to another in California. Since 2011, California has seen 141 fatal work zone crashes involving a CMV, resulting in 184 fatalities. More recently in 2020, 15% of fatal work zone crashes in California involved a CMV. These data points, along with other strong statistics demonstrate the importance of the Work Zone Safety Outreach Campaign in California, for the collective effort to reduce work zone crashes and save lives.

*For more information on work zone safety, visit the campaign website at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/ourroads/work-zone-safety-shareable-material>*