



Caltrans deploys Mobile Barriers MBT-1 for ongoing road and bridge work

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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the US has deployed Mobile Barriers MBT-1 for ongoing road and bridge work in a bid to improve safety and efficiency of crews.

The barrier, which saw successful rollouts in Texas, is also said to enhance safety for the travelling public and reducing work zone congestion and delays.

Recently used for median barrier repair on I-80 near Sacramento, the barrier provided protection for the crew while keeping all lanes open for the

travelling public.

Kevin Cooper of D&M Traffic Services said: "The sheer size of Mobile Barriers MBT-1 provided a noticeable increase in protection and productivity."

"We were better able to communicate with each other and felt much safer. The barrier should not only improve worker safety, but allow us to do the work and reopen roadways more quickly."

After completing the work, the barrier can be quickly pulled in place and moved on.

"Reducing other equipment may save around \$1,000 per day, but perhaps the biggest benefits accrue to the workers in terms of safety and productivity, and to the public in terms of reducing the amount of distraction and delay such work otherwise presents," Cooper added.

Mobile Barriers CEO Kevin Groeneweg said: "The feedback has been extremely positive.

"As others have said, there's no better way to reduce work zone accidents and improve conditions for everyone than to safely complete the work as quickly as possible and reopen the roadway to normal traffic flow."

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