

NEWS RELEASE



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Closures for I-5/SR-14 Direct HOV Connector Project

In observance of Labor Day, there will be NO project-related closures from Friday, September 2, at 6 a.m. through Tuesday, September 6, at 6 a.m.

Sylmar/North San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the lanes and connector listed below as part of a \$161 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-14 interchange. Closures are subject to change. Detours will be signed.

Golden State Freeway (I-5)

Tuesday, September 6, through Friday, September 9, at 6 a.m.

- Northbound I-5 from Balboa Boulevard to SR-14
TIME: 11:59 p.m. to 5 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Truck Route from SR-14 to Balboa Boulevard
TIME: 11:59 p.m. to 4 a.m.

Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14)

Tuesday, September 6, through Friday, September 9, at 6 a.m.

- Southbound SR-14 Truck Route Connector to Southbound I-5
TIME: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

About the Project

This project involves the construction of an elevated two-lane direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-14 interchange and construction of HOV lanes in both directions of I-5 at the interchange. A direct HOV connector will allow for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

The project will relieve congestion, improve traffic flow, enhance safety and improve traffic operations on both freeways at the interchange. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

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Work began in July 2008 and is on track to be completed in summer 2013. Caltrans thanks the motoring public for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, check out the project web page:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=32>

To find out more about I-5 improvements currently underway, visit www.I-5info.com.

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