



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to close the lanes, ramps and connector listed below as part of a \$140 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Ramp closures will be staggered. Closures are subject to change. Detours will be signed.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

Lane closure information for this and other freeway projects is available on the Caltrans website: <http://www.lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/lcswebreports/>

Golden State Freeway (I-5)

There will be a full freeway closure of northbound I-5 next week, as follows:

When: Wednesday, August 8, at 11:59 p.m. to Thursday, August 9, at 5 a.m. and Thursday, August 9, at 11:59 p.m. to Friday, August 10, at 5 a.m.

Where: Between Lankershim Boulevard and Paxton Street (Ramps in this area will also be closed.)

Why: Concrete pour for new connector

Other I-5 closures for Monday, August 6, to Saturday, August 11:

- Up to four lanes of northbound I-5 between SR-170 and SR-118
TIME: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Note: At least one lane will be open at all times, except during the full freeway closures noted above in red. The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

- Up to three lanes of southbound I-5 between SR-118 and SR-170
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Note: At least one lane will be open at all times. The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.

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Long-term on-ramp closures:

- Branford Street to southbound I-5 (opens December 2012)
- Eastbound Osborne Street to northbound I-5 (opens December 2012)
- Westbound Osborne Street to northbound I-5 (opens December 2012)

Long-term off-ramp closures:

- Northbound I-5 to Branford Street (opens December 2012)
- Northbound I-5 to westbound Terra Bella Street (opens December 2012)
- Northbound SR-170 to Sheldon Street (opens December 2012)
- Northbound I-5 to eastbound Van Nuys Boulevard (opens January 2013)

About the Project

Caltrans is constructing an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). The project is also widening four undercrossings, replacing sections of pavement, and building a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

Work began in August 2010 and is on track for completion in late 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, visit www.I-5info.com.

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