Welcome!
Project Overview

**WHAT:** A series of improvements to I-5 in Burbank between Magnolia Blvd. and Buena Vista St.

**SCHEDULE:** Starts in spring 2014, finishes in 2018

**COST:** $355 million (federal, state and local sources)

**CONTRACTOR:** Security Paving Company, Inc.
EMPIRE PROJECT

Project Need
► Airport and Empire Center require better access.
► Prevent traffic from using residential streets and causing delays.
► Need to improve connectivity and traffic flow to meet future demands.

Benefits
► Improved safety and operation.
► Improved local traffic circulation.
► Easy access to airport, Empire Ctr.
► Reduced congestion.
► Better air quality.
► Less traffic on residential streets.
► Better connectivity across I-5.
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Project Goal

To construct a world-class multi-modal facility that improves connectivity, embraces sustainability, and benefits commuters, railroad users, airport users, transit users, bicyclists, pedestrians and residents.
Key Improvements

► HOV lanes
► New interchange at I-5 and Empire Ave.
► Railroad track overpass (aka “grade separation”)
► Realigned Burbank Blvd. interchange
► New connection to Empire Ave.
► Capped Western Burbank Channel to provide an additional lane on northbound I-5 between Burbank Blvd. and the new Empire interchange
Construction Staging (order of work)

- Utility relocation
- Temp. widening of Buena Vista St. on-ramp
- Permanent closure of N. San Fernando Blvd.
- Railroad work
- Construct Victory Place Bridge
- Connect Empire Ave. to I-5
- Freeway widening
- Transition to new elevated tracks
Construction Staging (continued)

► Construct new Empire Ave. interchange
► Realign southbound Buena Vista St. on- and off-ramps
► Construct new Burbank Blvd. interchange
► I-5 realignment
► Complete HOV lane construction

Confirmed dates for construction stages will be provided when available. Check I-5info.com for updates.
Permanent Closures

- N. San Fernando Blvd. segment under I-5
- Northbound Lincoln St. off-ramp
- Northbound Walnut Ave./Scott Rd. on-ramp

Long-Term Closures

- Ramp closures between 6 and 24 months
- Burbank Blvd. – 14 months
Mitigation of Traffic Impacts

- Collaborated with city on plans.
- Four lanes of I-5 to be kept OPEN.
- Detours for all closures.
- City will adjust signals.
- Burbank Blvd. won’t close until Empire is open.
- Closure info posted on I-5info.com.
Frequently Asked Questions

► When will San Fernando Boulevard close?
► Why reconstruct the Burbank Blvd. bridge?
► How will trash and graffiti be handled?
► How will airport traffic be affected?
The Real Deal: What to Expect

► CLOSURES: Motorists may be inconvenienced from time to time. Closure info will be provided. Use tools to stay informed.

► TRAFFIC FLOW: There will be changes in traffic flow and an adjustment period. Caltrans will provide updates for motorists and monitor.

► NOISE: Noise will not exceed levels permitted by city, state and federal regulations.
Stay Informed

► Visit I-5info.com for updates, closure info.
► Sign up to receive automatic updates.
► Call the I-5 Info Line: (855) 454-6335.
► Follow us on Twitter: @CaltransDist7
► Check real-time traffic at QuickMap.dot.ca.gov or call 5-1-1.
Questions and Answers

Get your questions answered NOW!
Talk one-on-one with project staff.

Or, fill out a comment card
to have someone contact you.