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## 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.



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## 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.



Cohasset St.

NORTH

N San Fernando Blvd.

Winona Ave.

N Glenoaks Blvd.

Empire Ave.

Scott Rd.

San Fernando Blvd.

Burbank Blvd.

Victory Pl.

Magnolia Blvd.

Buena Vista St.

Lincoln St.

Empire Center

Construct carpool lanes between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street

Realign and widen ramps at Buena Vista Street.

Construct full interchange at I-5 and Empire Avenue

Reconstruct Burbank Boulevard bridge and realign on- and off-ramps

Realign I-5

Construct railroad grade separation at Buena Vista Street

Realign intersection of San Fernando Boulevard/Victory Place at Lincoln Street

Realign and elevate the railroad adjacent to I-5



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Map not to scale.



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## 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



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## 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



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## 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.*



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## 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



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## 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](http://I-5info.com).



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## 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?



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## 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.



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## Stay Informed

- ▶ Visit **[I-5info.com](http://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](http://QuickMap.dot.ca.gov)** or call **5-1-1**.



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## 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.

