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SAFE DRIVING IN INTERSTATE 10 CONSTRUCTION ZONE

BALDWIN PARK, California – Everyone will benefit once the construction is complete; however, freeway construction can bring some inconveniences. If you are going to be using the Interstate 10 freeway between State Route 57 and Puente Avenue, you will find reduced lanes and concrete barriers. The right shoulder, sometimes referred to as the “emergency lane,” is currently closed through most of this stretch of the freeway.

Moving to the shoulder or off of the freeway after a minor, non-injury, traffic collision, is not only the safest thing to do, but it is the law. With the right shoulders being closed due to the construction, we remind you to be safe and drive your vehicle off of the freeway if possible. If your vehicle or vehicles are not movable, call 9-1-1 immediately and remain within your vehicle if safe to do so.

If you experience mechanical difficulties, attempt to exit the freeway immediately. Avoid stopping within the freeway lanes as this poses a danger to you and other motorists. Always conduct a pre-trip inspection of your vehicle for mechanical issues prior to driving.

Lane-splitting by motorcyclists is not recommended in this section of freeway due to the reduced lane widths. All motorists are reminded to give themselves extra time to reach their destinations due to extra congestion in this location.

Safety is the number one priority of the California Highway Patrol. When driving through a construction zone, slow down, and be extra observant. You may encounter an authorized emergency vehicle, tow truck, or Department of Transportation (Caltrans) vehicles stopped along freeway shoulders or even within the traffic lanes displaying flashing emergency or warning lights. If you encounter one of these vehicles, you are required to move to the left and slow down. Failure to do so may result in a traffic citation and court fine; traffic fines are doubled in a construction zone.

We ask for your patience while the roads are being repaired and lanes are being added to ease traffic congestion on this stretch of the freeway. Your cooperation is needed and appreciated. Our goal is to get you to your destination safely.

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