



NEWS RELEASE

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SAWTELLE BOULEVARD CLOSURES SCHEDULED

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close Sawtelle Boulevard from Culver Boulevard to Braddock Drive **nightly** beginning at 10 p.m. Monday, February 11 to 6 a.m. Friday, February 15.

Local access will be provided at all times to residents and emergency vehicles.

The work involves removal of temporary bridge structures at the new Sawtelle Boulevard bridge and is connected to the \$167 million High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) project on the San Diego Freeway (I-405) in both directions from the Marina Freeway (Route 90) to the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10). The project is expected to complete summer 2009, at which time the HOV lane on southbound I-405 will be continuous from the San Fernando Valley through Orange County.

An HOV lane project on northbound I-405 from I-10 to the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101) is currently in the environmental phase and is expected to begin construction in 2009. When that project is completed, in 2013, the HOV lane will be continuous in both directions from the San Fernando Valley through Orange County.

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