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FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE SCHEDULED FOR SOUTHBOUND I-5 NEXT WEEK

San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close part of the southbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) overnight next week while crews work on connector construction. The impacted freeway segment is about one mile.

Southbound I-5 will be closed from Osborne Street to the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) from midnight Monday, Jan. 10, to 4 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 11, and from midnight Tuesday, Jan. 11, to 4 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 12. Detours will be signed. Closures are subject to change.

About the Project

This project involves the construction of 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). It will also widen four undercrossings, replace sections of pavement, and reconstruct the mixed-flow connector to build 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 to wrap up in the spring of 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, check out the project web page:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist07/travel/projects/details.php?id=49>

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