

# NEWS RELEASE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Closures for the San Fernando Valley I-5 HOV Improvement Project

In observance of the Martin Luther King holiday,  
there will be NO CLOSURES on Monday, January 17.

*San Fernando Valley* — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) as part of a \$140-million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. Closures are subject to change.

#### Golden State Freeway (I-5) Closures

*Tuesday, January 18, through Friday, January 21*

- Up to four lanes of northbound I-5 from SR-118 to SR-170  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to five lanes of southbound I-5 from SR-118 to SR-170  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

#### 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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