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# MOTORIST ADVISORY

**Date:** February 18, 2014
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## Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

**Special Closure Notes**

- The westbound Terra Bella Street off-ramp from northbound I-5 is now **OPEN**.
- Southbound I-5 between the I-5/SR-170 interchange and Sheldon Street will be closed intermittently at night through April 2014, 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. See the attached notice for more information.
- Through February 2014, crews will demolish the median barrier on I-5 between Van Nuys Boulevard and SR-118. The two lanes closest to the median in both directions will be closed when this work is underway, between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

**Arleta** — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures listed below as part of a project that is constructing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange.

Ramp closures will be nonconsecutive. Detours will be signed. *Closures are subject to change.*

Residents may hear some construction noise, but it will not exceed levels permitted by state and federal regulations.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

Closure information for this and other freeway projects is available on the Caltrans website: http://www.lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/lcswebreports/

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*Closure Dates: Tuesday, Feb. 18, through Friday, Feb. 21, 2014*

**Northbound I-5**

*Lanes*

- Up to two lanes between SR-118 and SR-170: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

  *Note: The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.*

*On-Ramp*

- Westbound Osborne Street: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Southbound I-5**

*Southbound I-5 between the I-5/SR-170 interchange and Sheldon Street will be closed intermittently at night through April 2014, 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. A signed detour will direct motorists. Additional closures below.*

*Lanes*

- Up to four lanes between SR-118 and SR-170: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

  *Note: The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.*

*Connector*

- Southbound I-5 to southbound SR-170: 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.

**Long-Term I-5 Ramp Closures**

*Long-Term Off-Ramp Closure*

- Northbound I-5 to westbound Terra Bella Street (NOW OPEN!)

*Long-Term On-Ramp Closure*

- Branford Street to southbound I-5 (opens April 2014)

**About the Project**

Caltrans is constructing 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). The project is also widening four undercrossings, replacing sections of pavement, and building 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.

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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 for completion in late 2014. Funding administered by Metro.

Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction. For more information, visit I-5info.com.

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