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Night Closure of Branford Street in Pacoima

San Fernando Valley — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close Branford Street in Pacoima between Sharp Avenue and Laurel Canyon Boulevard from 11:59 p.m. on April 19 to 6 a.m. on April 20, and from 11:59 p.m. on April 20 to 6 a.m. on April 21. Detours will be signed. Closures are subject to change.

The work is part of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) Lane Improvement Project. The closure is necessary to allow crews to safely remove part of the southbound I-5 bridge and prepare it for widening.

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 the Ronald Reagan Freeway (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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