

# NEWS RELEASE



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

*San Fernando Valley* — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes, ramps and connectors of the Golden State Freeway (I-5), the Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118) and the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) 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, June 21, through Saturday, June 25*

- The following Northbound I-5 on- and off-ramps will be closed through January 2012: Sheldon Street, Osborne Street, Van Nuys Boulevard (off-ramp only)
- Southbound I-5 Van Nuys Boulevard on-ramp will be closed through January 2012.
- Southbound I-5 Paxton Street Off-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Branford Street On-Ramp  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to two lanes of Northbound I-5 from Laurel Canyon Blvd. to Branford St.  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to two lanes of Southbound I-5 from Branford St. to Laurel Canyon Blvd.  
TIME: 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.

### 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 2013. Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.

For more information, visit [www.I-5info.com](http://www.I-5info.com).

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