



# 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) plans to close the ramps, lanes and connector listed below 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. Ramp closures will be staggered within the closure window indicated. Closures are subject to change. Detours will be signed.

### Golden State Freeway (I-5)

*Monday, November 28, to Friday, December 2*

- Westbound Osborne Street on-ramp to northbound I-5  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Up to two lanes of northbound I-5 between Sheldon Street and Paxton Street  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Up to three lanes of southbound I-5 between Paxton Street and Sheldon Street  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 connector to southbound SR-170  
TIME: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Westbound Osborne Street on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Southbound I-5 off-ramp to eastbound/westbound Osborne Street  
TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Eastbound Osborne Street on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Westbound Osborne Street on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Westbound Van Nuys Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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- Westbound Paxton Street on-ramp to southbound I-5  
TIME: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*The following on-ramps will be closed through January 2012:*

- Eastbound Osborne Street to northbound I-5
- Branford Street to southbound I-5
- Westbound Van Nuys Boulevard to southbound I-5

*The following off-ramps will be closed through January 2012:*

- Northbound I-5 to Osborne Street
- Southbound I-5 to eastbound/westbound Paxton Street

### **Hollywood Freeway (SR-170)**

*Sunday, November 20, to Wednesday, November 23*

- Northbound SR-170 off-ramp to Sheldon Street  
TIME: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Sheldon Street/Arleta Street on-ramp to southbound SR-170  
TIME: 11:59 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.

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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