



# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

*San Fernando Valley* — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to close parts of Branford Street and Van Nuys Boulevard near I-5 in the San Fernando Valley 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. Detours will be signed.

#### BRANFORD STREET

**Where:** Branford Street between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Arleta Avenue

**Dates:** Sunday night, March 25, to Wednesday morning, March 28

**Hours:** Midnight to 6 a.m.

**Detour:** Traffic will be detoured to Sheldon Street and Osborne Street. Flaggers will be on site to allow access to local traffic.

**Reason for Closure:** Removal of the bridge railings on the northbound I-5 overcrossing above Branford Street.

#### VAN NUYS BOULEVARD

**Where:** Van Nuys Boulevard between Laurel Canyon Boulevard and Arleta Avenue

**Dates:** March 23 to April 11

**Hours:** Mostly daytime (7 a.m. to 5 p.m.), though there will be some night work.

**Detour:** No detours. At least one lane in each direction will be open at all times.

**Reason for Closure:** Drainage work.

**For closure updates, check the I-5 website or  
call the toll-free I-5 Hotline: (855) 454-6335.**

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## 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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