



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

4-Hour Full Freeway Closure of Southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710)

SOUTH GATE, LYNWOOD AND PARAMOUNT – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close a portion of southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) for work on the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project. The work involves construction on the shoulders and in the median for overhead signage foundations.

Overnight, Wednesday, May 21 and Thursday, May 22

- 11:59 p.m. to 4 a.m. – **Full closure** of southbound I-710 just after Imperial Highway to just before Century Freeway (SR-105).

Motorists traveling southbound on I-710, in the cities of South Gate, Downey, Lynwood and Paramount will be directed to exit at Imperial Highway.

Detour: To return to southbound I-710 or westbound SR-105, motorists will follow detour signs to continue eastbound at Imperial Highway off-ramp; turn left (east) on Imperial Highway to Garfield Avenue; turn right (south) on Garfield Avenue to the southbound I-710 / westbound SR-105 on-ramp.

The California Highway Patrol is providing additional speed limit enforcement in this highway construction work zone to increase the safety of motorists and highway workers.

Motorists are reminded to “Slow for the Cone Zone.” Signs have been posted along this corridor to remind the motoring public that traffic fines are doubled in highway construction work zones. The posted speed limit in this work zone is 55 miles per hour.

This \$164.5 million Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project involves nine miles of the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) stretching from Long Beach to South Gate in both northbound and southbound directions. The work includes pavement replacement, shoulder reconstruction, replacement of the metal median barrier guardrail with concrete barriers, widening of the under crossing at Atlantic Boulevard, a soundwall, and widening of the southbound I-710 at the Compton Creek Bridge. The project is expected to complete in mid-2012.

