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FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES Northbound and Southbound Long Beach Freeway (Interstate 710) Between State Route 91 and Interstate 405

PARAMOUNT to NORTH LONG BEACH: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct an extended closure this weekend on the northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) from the Artesia Freeway (State Route 91) to the San Diego Freeway (I-405). The work is part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from the I-405 to Firestone Boulevard. I-710 will fully close to motorists as follows:

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE: Northbound and Southbound I-710 from SR-91 to I-405

- 1) Saturday, July 18, 2009, 12:01 a.m. to 6 a.m.
- 2) Sunday, July 19, 2009, 11 p.m. to Monday, July 20, 2009, 5 a.m.

CLOSED RAMPS:

- Northbound I-710 on-ramps at Long Beach Boulevard and Del Amo Boulevard.
- Southbound I-710 off-ramps at Long Beach Blvd., Del Amo Boulevard and Artesia Boulevard.

CLOSED FREEWAY CONNECTORS:

- Northbound and southbound I-405 to northbound I-710
- Eastbound and westbound SR-91 to southbound I-710

Beginning Saturday at 6 a.m. until Sunday at 11 p.m., a reduced number of lanes on southbound I-710 will be open to motorists. There will be northbound two lanes and two southbound lanes available for motorists. All vehicles will travel in southbound I-710 lanes while construction continues in the northbound lanes throughout the weekend.

Vehicle speeds are reduced to 45 mph in the construction zone. Oversized loads are not permitted throughout the weekend due to narrower lane widths. To decrease delay time, motorists are advised to use alternate routes around the project area.

The work involves rehabilitating aging pavement to provide a roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. Nine miles of pavement is being replaced with Long Life Asphalt Concrete. Roadway widening will occur where possible to provide standard lanes and shoulder widths. Since this construction project began in October 2008, Caltrans has completed pavement replacement on northbound and southbound I-710 between SR-91 and I-105. More information on the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project is available on the Caltrans District 7 website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist07