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## Long Beach Freeway (I-710) Lane Closures

**LONG BEACH, COMPTON, LYNWOOD** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close portions of the northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) for preliminary work on the long life pavement rehabilitation project. The work involves median barrier demolition and removal, pipe removal, striping and setting K-rail to ensure the safety of the work crew and motorists throughout the construction project.

The following schedule will be in effect Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, December 26, 27, 28:

- 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. - Up to 3 lanes northbound I-710 from Wardlow Road to Firestone Boulevard.
- 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. - Up to 3 lanes southbound I-710 from Firestone Boulevard to Wardlow Road.
- 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. – **Full closure** of the on-ramp at Martin Luther King Boulevard onto southbound I-710.

This Long Life Asphalt Concrete Pavement Rehabilitation project will involve nine miles of the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) in the cities of Long Beach, Carson, Compton, Paramount, Lynwood and South Gate on both the northbound and southbound directions.

The work will include pavement replacement, shoulder reconstruction, replacement of the metal median barrier guardrail with concrete barriers, widening of the under crossing at Atlantic Boulevard and widening of the southbound I-710 at the Compton Creek Bridge. A soundwall will be constructed at the southbound I-710 Atlantic Boulevard under crossing.

The contractor for this \$164.5 million project is Atkinson Contractors. Construction began summer 2007 and is projected to complete in mid-2012.

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