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MOTORIST ADVISORY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Closures for the I-5 Pavement Improvement Project
Vista Del Lago Road to Kern County Line

Expect DELAYS on I-5 between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. At times, only ONE LANE will be open.

LABOR DAY ADVISORY: Although there will be no construction closures for this project over Labor Day weekend, expect DELAYS on I-5 due to holiday traffic. Check real-time traffic before you leave (see link below), take an alternate route if necessary, and leave extra time.

Gorman — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures listed below during the week of August 24-29, 2014, as part of a pavement improvement project on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) between Vista Del Lago Road and the Kern County line. More information about the project is here.

Consecutive ramps will NOT be closed at the same time. Signs will be posted for all detours. No unusual levels of dust, noise or vibration are expected. *Closures are subject to change.*

TO AVOID DELAYS (especially if you will be traveling at night), check the Caltrans QuickMap before you leave to get real-time traffic information and see congestion hotspots. Take an alternate route if necessary. You can also call 5-1-1 for travel times and other helpful motorist information.

Closure information for this and other freeway projects is available on the Caltrans website.

NORTHBOUND I-5

Lanes

- Up to three lanes of northbound I-5 will be closed between one mile south of Vista Del Lago Road and the Kern County line from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Two lanes may be closed during off-peak daytime hours.

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- The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.
- At least one lane will be open at all times. Check the Caltrans Quickmap before you leave for traffic speeds in the area.

Ramps

- Vista Del Lago Road on-ramp and off-ramp: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Smokey Bear Road on-ramp and off-ramp: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Quail Lake Road on-ramp and off-ramp: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Gorman Road on-ramp and off-ramp: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Frazier Mountain Park Road on-ramp and off-ramp: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Connectors

- SR-138 to northbound I-5: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 to SR-138: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

SOUTHBOUND I-5

Lanes

- Up to three lanes of southbound I-5 will be closed between the Kern County line and one mile south of Vista Del Lago Road from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Two lanes may be closed during off-peak daytime hours.
- The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.
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Ramps

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- Smokey Bear Road on-ramp and off-ramp: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Vista Del Lago Road on-ramp and off-ramp: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

About the Project

This project will replace slabs in both directions of I-5 between the Vista Del Lago Road overcrossing and the Kern County Line, a distance of 15.4 miles.

The two outside lanes and outside shoulder will be completely replaced, and damaged pavement slabs will be replaced in the inside lanes. Additionally, the project will update drainage features, upgrade the wooden guardrail posts to metal, add post mile signage, widen the inside shoulders, replace broken approach and departure slabs, and repave ramps.

This $100.1 million project, which will be completed in fall 2014, will extend the life of the pavement, reduce maintenance costs and closures, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The contractor is Griffith/Coffman Joint Venture of Brea, Calif.

Most of the construction will be completed at night to minimize inconvenience to motorists, though there will be some work during the day.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

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