



NEWS RELEASE

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I-710 FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES THIS WEEKEND

In both directions, from just south of Firestone Boulevard to just north of I-105

Lynwood, South Gate, Downey – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct an extended weekend closure this weekend on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) in both northbound and southbound directions from just south of Firestone Boulevard to just north of the Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105).

The construction is part of the I-710 Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project to replace 10 to 15 inches of aging pavement from I-405 to I-5. Caltrans began the first of eight planned full freeway closures on August 13. This weekend will be the final 53-hour closure, however work will continue until the project's estimated completion date of spring 2011.

This weekend, two FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES will occur: the first begins on Friday, October 1 at 11:45 p.m. until Saturday, October 2 at 6 a.m. and the second full closure begins on Sunday, October 3 at 11 p.m. until Monday, October 4 at 5 a.m.

During the first six-hour FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE, moveable median barriers will be placed that will guide all motorists onto the southbound side when I-710 is re-opened on Saturday at 6 a.m. The number of lanes available to motorists will be reduced: two lanes for northbound travel and three for southbound. On Sunday at 11 p.m., another FULL CLOSURE occurs to remove the temporary barriers in time for the Monday morning commute.

Throughout the weekend, these ramps and freeway connectors will remain closed:

- **CLOSED On-ramps to northbound I-710:**

Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Rosecrans Avenue and Imperial Highway

- **CLOSED On-ramps to southbound I-710:**

Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Florence Avenue, Firestone Boulevard and Imperial Hwy

- **CLOSED Freeway Connectors:** Eastbound and westbound I-105 to northbound I-710

RESTRICTIONS: Speed reduced to 45mph. No oversized loads permitted due to narrow lanes.

DELAYS AND DETOURS: Motorists can expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes and marked street detours. Trucks are advised to use Garfield Avenue.

PROJECT DETAILS: This pavement rehabilitation project will apply several layers of a long life asphalt concrete mix that will provide the roadway with several decades of service, improve pavement performance, require less future maintenance and result in a smoother ride for the traveling public. The contractor is Sully-Miller. This \$50 million project is over 60% complete.

BENEFITS OF EXTENDED WEEKEND CLOSURES: Moving all motorists to one side of the freeway allows construction crews to work safely and continuously for 53 hours throughout the weekend. This schedule is cost effective and reduces the need for weeknight closures when traffic volumes are normally higher.