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NEW FREEWAY LANE CONFIGURATION TO BEGIN ON INTERSTATE 710

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will change the lane configuration on the northbound and southbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) from the southbound I-710/Pomona Freeway (SR-60) Connector to Humphries Street beginning on ~~Thursday, January 23.~~ **THURSDAY, JANUARY 30.**

On southbound I-710, traffic will be switched to the median. One of the three lanes will be moved to the northbound I-710 median and the other two lanes will be moved to the southbound I-710 median. Construction will take place on the existing lanes of southbound I-710. (Please see attached illustration)

The new traffic configuration, which will be in place for several months, will allow project work to continue more quickly and efficiently. A 45 mile-per-hour speed limit will be imposed within the construction limits. It is expected that some delays might be experienced initially, however in similar bypass situations motorists have quickly adjusted to the new configuration.

The traffic switch is related to a pavement rehabilitation project on I-710 from Imperial Highway to Ramona Boulevard. This roadway rehabilitation will result in better ride quality and will reduce the need for maintenance. Existing median barriers will be upgraded to concrete barriers, therefore reducing the risk of vehicle crossovers. Construction of maintenance pullouts will also reduce exposure of maintenance personnel to traffic and enhance safety.

Shimmick/Myers and Sons is the contractor on the \$120 million project which started in fall 2012 and will complete in 2015.

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