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## **NEW FREEWAY LANE CONFIGURATION, RAMP CLOSURES, 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 Humphries Street to the northbound I-710/Pomona Freeway (SR-60) beginning on Thursday, September 11.

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

**In order to accomplish this phase of work, the northbound I-710 off-ramp to Cesar Chavez Avenue and the Third Street on-ramp to northbound I-710 will close for approximately six months.**

The new traffic configuration, which will also be in place for six months, is related to the I-710 pavement rehabilitation project from Imperial Highway to Ramona Boulevard. The bypass and ramp closures 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 motorists quickly adjusted to the southbound bypass.

The roadway rehabilitation project 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 2016.

