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710 Freeway Closure Extended

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has extended the temporary closure of the northbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) from Bell to Downey due to a construction operation that took longer than expected.

A full-freeway closure that has been in place since 11:59 Friday and was scheduled to end on Monday at 5 a.m. has been extended to 5 a.m. Tuesday. Currently, three northbound lanes and two southbound lanes are open to traffic. This is expected to be reversed for the afternoon commute.

The contractor discovered that the soil at Gage Avenue was too clay-like to pave over after excavating to about five feet deep. Removal of the material delayed the paving operation.

The work is related to a project that replaces aging pavement as part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from Firestone Boulevard to Slauson Avenue.

Along with the freeway, the following ramps and connectors will be closed until Tuesday:

CLOSED ramps:

- On-ramps to northbound I-710: from Imperial Highway, Firestone Blvd. and Florence Avenue.
- On-ramps to southbound I-710: from Atlantic Blvd., Florence Ave. & Firestone Boulevard.
- Off-ramps from northbound I-710: to Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

CLOSED connectors: Eastbound & westbound I-105 connector to northbound I-710.

All motorists are being directed onto southbound I-710

The work is part of the \$65 million Long Life Pavement Project to rehabilitate aging pavement and provide the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. The project is funded by the American Recovery





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and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The contractor is SEMA Construction of Lake Forrest. The estimated completion date for the entire project is spring 2012.

Full freeway closures are scheduled to take place on this segment of I-710 each weekend through October. For more information on the I-710 full freeway closure schedule, visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist07 or follow Caltrans District 7 on Twitter or *The Caltrans Connector* blog at caltransd7info.blogspot.com

