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## **CALTRANS HOPES TO REOPEN I-710 CONNECTOR TO EASTBOUND SR-91 THURSDAY**

**LONG BEACH** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) anticipates reopening the eastbound Gardena/Artesia Freeway (SR-91) connector to the northbound Long Beach Freeway (I-710) in time for the Thursday morning commute.

The connector has been closed since Saturday, June 13, when a tanker truck crash set fire to the freeway structure. Immediately following fire containment and hazmat clean-up, Caltrans engineers began testing and assessing damages. An Emergency Order was issued and a contract awarded to Flatiron Construction for the repair work.

Initial test results determined that the connector could safely reopen as soon as pavement work is completed. All other accident-related lane closures have been reopened. While the total extent of the remaining work continues to be assessed, nighttime connector closures are anticipated as repairs are implemented.

Caltrans thanks the Long Beach Fire Department, California Highway Patrol and other emergency agencies for their quick response as well as the motoring public for its patience.

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