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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

DOWNEY - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following lane and ramp closures for the first phase of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lane reconstruction and pavement replacement project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Downey Avenue in Bellflower to Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, nightly, Monday, March 13 through Friday, March 17, for pavement work. At least one lane will be open to traffic in each direction at all times.

Eastbound SR-91: Nightly, March 13 through March 17

- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to Downey Avenue.
- 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. – One regular use lane from Long Beach Boulevard to I-710.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Up to three lanes closed between northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. - Eastbound SR-91 connector to northbound and southbound I-710.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. - Long Beach Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. - Northbound and southbound connectors to eastbound SR-91.

Westbound SR-91: Nightly, March 13 through March 17

- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from Lakewood Avenue to I-710.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed between northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to SR-110.

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SR-91 is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Completion of the entire project, which covers SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue, is fall 2008.

Caltrans advises motorists to **“Slow For The Cone Zone.”**

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