



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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, Wednesday, May 10 through Friday, May 12, for pavement work. At least one lane will be open to traffic in each direction at all times.

Eastbound SR-91:

Nightly, Wednesday, May 10 through Friday, May 12

- 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.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Atlantic Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Downey Avenue on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Paramount Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane from Cherry Avenue to Paramount Boulevard.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Cherry Avenue on and off-ramps.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane from Walnut Avenue to Paramount Boulevard.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to Walnut Avenue.

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Westbound SR-91:

Nightly, Monday, May 10 through Friday, May 12

- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from Lakewood Avenue to I-710.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Cherry Avenue on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Paramount Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 7 p.m. until 6 a.m. – One regular use lane from Paramount Boulevard to Cherry Avenue.
- 10 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Atlantic Boulevard on and off-ramps.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from to Orange Avenue to I-710.

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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