



NEWS RELEASE

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EMERGENCY CLOSURE OF ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD (SR-19) (UPDATE)

LOS ANGELES COUNTY – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) anticipates opening Rosemead Boulevard (State Route 19) in the Whittier Narrows area, between San Gabriel Boulevard/Durfee Avenue and Gallitin Street by mid day today. Stabilization efforts to prevent further damage have been completed, however the bridge is under continued evaluation and may be reclosed at any time.

The bridge suffered damage as the result of the winter storms. The huge volume of water undermined the footings underneath the bridge. This caused the structure to settle. A permanent repair solution is currently under designed. Motorists are advised to seek alternate routes.

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