



NEWS RELEASE

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Northbound Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) Full Freeway Lane Closures From Valley View Avenue to Rosecrans Avenue

Santa Fe Springs to Norwalk - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will fully close the northbound Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) from Valley View Avenue to Rosecrans Avenue overnight on Monday and Tuesday, August 19 and 20 from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Northbound I-5 motorists will exit at Valley View Avenue and detour signs will direct motorists to re-enter northbound I-5 using the Rosecrans Ave. on-ramp.

The overnight work involves restriping the lanes, setting K-rail concrete barriers and preparing a new temporary northbound I-5 Carmenita Road off-ramp onto a new frontage road alignment called 'New Freeway Drive,' located just south of the existing Carmenita Road off-ramp.

The new, temporary off-ramp will open on Wednesday, August 21 at 5 a.m., in time for the morning commute. Signs will direct motorists to the new Carmenita Rd. off-ramp onto New Freeway Drive, a two lane, one-way road that extends to Excelsior Dr. From Excelsior Dr., motorists can access Carmenita Rd.

Closed On-Ramps: northbound I-5 on-ramp at Firestone Blvd/Gateway Drive; and northbound I-5 on-ramp at Carmenita Road

Closed Off-Ramp: the existing northbound I-5 on-ramp at Carmenita Road will permanently close.

Other on-going work on the I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects

- **Pioneer Blvd/Imperial Highway off-ramp:** The southbound I-5 off-ramp at Pioneer Blvd/Imperial Hwy is fully closed through April 2014. A new, elevated off-ramp is being constructed that will flyover Pioneer Blvd to put traffic onto Imperial Hwy.
- **Carmenita Road:** Pile driving for the new 10-lane **Carmenita Road Bridge** continues during weekdays from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. through December 2013 near southbound I-5 at the intersection of Firestone Boulevard and Carmenita Road. The work involves setting approximately 2,500 steel piles into the ground as part of the foundation structural support. The work at this location is approximately 40% complete.
- **Shoemaker Avenue Bridge** reconstruction continues through early 2014. Shoemaker Avenue between Rosecrans Ave. and Excelsior Dr. is fully closed. Detours are posted to use Rosecrans Ave., Carmenita Rd., Alondra Blvd., Excelsior Dr. and Bloomfield Ave.
- **Alondra Blvd. Bridge:**
 - the Alondra Blvd/Freeway Dr intersection is fully closed through mid-February 2014.
 - Alondra Blvd., between Freeway Dr. and Marquardt Ave., is closed until mid/late 2014;
 - the northbound I-5 on-ramp at Alondra Blvd. is permanently closed.

Crews are aggressively working 7-days per week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in this work zone on various construction activities including underground utility relocation; retaining wall construction; moving construction dirt and materials across the roadway; pile driving for reconstruction of the Alondra Bridge; and to construct a temporary northbound I-5 on-ramp at Freeway Dr. This on-ramp is scheduled to open to motorists in mid-October. It will temporarily replace the northbound I-5 on-ramp at Alondra Blvd., that permanently closed in June, until the new ramp is complete.