



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Northbound Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Lane Closures

### Two Freeway Lanes Closed near Carmenita Road During 6 Nights of Work

#### *Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) South Corridor Improvement Projects - Carmenita Road Interchange*

**Santa Fe Springs** - Caltrans will fully close up to two lanes on the northbound Santa Ana Freeway (I-5), between Alondra Blvd. (just north of Valley View Ave.) to Rosecrans Ave., on May 8 and May 11-15th from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., for bridge column work in the freeway center median. The schedule is:

#### **Northbound I-5**

##### **Nightly, 11 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

- **Thursday, May 8 and Sunday, May 11 through Thursday, May 15**
- **up to two (2) lanes closed from Alondra Blvd. (just north of Valley View Ave.) to Rosecrans Ave.**
- **all northbound I-5 traffic will be reduced to one lane within these limits during these overnight hours.**
- **work will take place in the center median behind K-rail concrete barriers.**

The work is part of the new Carmenita Road Bridge and part of the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) HOV Widening and Improvement Project to construct one carpool and one general purpose lane in each direction, realign and upgrade adjacent frontage roads, and reconstruct bridges from the Los Angeles/Orange County line to Interstate 605. Sign up to receive email notifications for all I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects at the toll-free I-5 information line (855) 454-6335 or [www.I-5info.com](http://www.I-5info.com)

#### **Carmenita Road Interchange Project: Look-Ahead Schedule for 2014/2015**

The following dates associated with the Carmenita Road Bridge Project are approximate and based on the current construction schedule. Schedules are subject to change.

- Current work: Northbound I-5 on-ramp realignment (Freeway Dr. frontage road to Excelsior).
- Summer 2014 - three northbound I-5 lanes near Carmenita Rd will shift to the right.
  - Note: Lane shift must be coordinated with work stages of adjacent I-5 Corridor Projects.
- July 2014 - April 2015 (approx. 10 months) - roadway realignment (near Carmenita Rd.)
- July 2014 - Dec. 2015 (approx. 18 months) - northbound I-5 on-ramp at Carmenita Rd. will close.

**“Slow for the Cone Zone”** On Thursday, May 8, Caltrans will hold its Annual Caltrans Workers Memorial Day, a day set aside to remember and recognize the 183 employees statewide who died while on the job since 1921; 32 of whom worked in District 7 (Los Angeles/Ventura counties). Every year more than 1,000 people die in highway work zone crashes and more than 40,000 people are injured. As a result of these dangers, fines for speeding in work zones have increased to \$1,000 or more. It’s up to each and every motorist to end this cycle and Slow For The Cone Zone and Move Over.

**New Reduced Speed Limit** The posted speed limit along the I-5 South Corridor, from the Los Angeles/Orange County line to Interstate 605, has been reduced from 65 miles per hour to 55 mph. Signs are posted alerting motorists of increased traffic fines in highway construction work zones. Caltrans is partnering with the California Highway Patrol to enforce the newly reduced speed limit to enhance the safety of motorists and workers in this highway construction work zone.

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