



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATELY RELEASE

COMMUTER ADVISORY **PLAN AHEAD, LEAVE EARLY TO AVOID DELAYS** **OVER VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND**

North Los Angeles County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists traveling over the upcoming Veteran's Day Weekend to plan ahead and leave early to avoid expected holiday-related delays at the following two locations:

1. An ongoing lane closure on the northbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) at Templin Highway, located approximately five miles north of Castaic. The northbound lane closure is due to ongoing slope stabilization and roadway repairs. **Three northbound lanes and all (4) southbound lanes remain open to motorists.**
2. In the Newhall Pass, the southbound I-5 truck route (tunnel) – as well as the transition from southbound I-5 to the northbound Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) for autos and trucks -- are both closed. **Suggested detour for southbound I-5 transition to northbound SR-14:** From southbound I-5, exit at Calgrove Boulevard, turn right. Turn left on The Old Road (south). Turn left (northeast) on Sierra Highway to the on-ramp to the northbound Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14).

These closures are due to emergency repairs on the southbound I-5 truck route (tunnel).

Please note: Trucks are currently using the mainline lanes on southbound I-5 due to the truck route closure, which may also cause additional delays on southbound I-5 and northbound SR-14. Please drive with extra caution.

Motorists are also reminded that traffic fines are doubled in freeway work zones. In Santa Clarita and Castaic, The Old Road is a suggested alternate route during periods of congestion.

For road conditions in California (excluding unforeseen traffic incidents) please call the Caltrans Highway Information Number at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623). By speaking the number of the route desired -- or using a touch-tone telephone and entering the highway/route number of interest, callers can get up-to-date road conditions on any highway in California. Motorists are also encouraged to tune into local radio stations for up-to-the-minute freeway reports before starting out on trips. Caltrans thanks the motoring public for their patience during these roadway repairs. For more information, please call the Caltrans Public Affairs office at (213) 897-3630 or 897-3656 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. PLEASE REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP, WATCH SPEEDS AND SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.

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