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SOUTHBOUND I-5 CONNECTOR TO NORTHBOUND SR-14 LONG-TERM CLOSURE ANNOUNCED

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has closed all lanes of the southbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) connector to the northbound Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) until late November.

The closure is to accommodate repair work on the southbound I-5 Newhall Pass truck lanes tunnel. The tunnel has been closed since October 12, when a 31-vehicle pile-up ignited a devastating fire inside it, closing I-5 in both directions.

The emergency repair project includes slab replacement, concrete barrier and metal beam guardrail repair, drainage and landscaping. Structure work will include partial soffit (ceiling) replacement/repair and repair of tunnel walls.

Until the tunnel repair work completes, motorists are sharing southbound I-5 in this area with commercial vehicles. This is causing additional congestion during commute hours. All users are advised to plan trips accordingly, use alternate routes whenever possible and consider using Metrolink and other forms of transit.

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