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I-5 TRUCK LANES TO OPEN

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will open the northbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) truck bypass lanes at approximately 4 p.m. today.

I-5 has been closed northbound at SR-14 and southbound at Calgrove Boulevard since a 29-vehicle pile-up on the southbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) truck bypass and subsequent tunnel fire that occurred Friday night.

The freeway mainline will remain closed in both directions. Caltrans Director Will Kempton has vowed to reopen the southbound I-5 by the Tuesday morning commute. The northbound lanes are expected to open on Wednesday.

The southbound I-5 truck lanes will remain closed for approximately a month and all traffic will be diverted onto the auto lanes.

Kempton said that Governor Schwarzenegger is closely monitoring the situation to ensure that all the necessary resources are available.

I-5 Detours at the Newhall Pass area are as follows:

Northbound Detour:

For those proceeding to northern California on I-5, transition to northbound SR-14; proceed to westbound SR-138 (Avenue D). This will connect back to northbound I-5.

Southbound Detour:

From southbound I-5, exit at Calgrove Boulevard; continue south on Calgrove Boulevard to The Old Road, which becomes San Fernando Road; continue on San Fernando Road to Sepulveda Boulevard; continue south on Sepulveda Boulevard to the southbound I-5 on-ramp at Roxford Street.





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Updates will be provided as they become available.

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