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Imperial Highway Closures at Interstate 5

Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) South Corridor Improvement Projects

NORWALK – Caltrans will begin a two-week construction schedule -during daytime and nighttime- using partial closures and full closures in both directions on a portion of Imperial Highway near the undercrossing at Interstate 5. The work begins on Friday, August 30 at 8:30 a.m., and continues until mid-September. (see attached map)

The work involves drilling in the center median on Imperial Highway for large (80-inch diameter and 100-foot deep) Cast in Drill Hole (CIDH) foundations for the new Imperial Highway off-ramp bridge. The CIDH work includes drilling, excavating earth, setting rebar and pouring concrete. For the safety of the public and for work crews, full street closures are necessary during this work at this location.

The schedule is:

Daytime, Partial Closure on Imperial Highway from 8:30 am-3:30 pm

Friday, August 30
and Tuesday through Friday, September 3-6
(one of two lanes will be closed in each direction)

Nighttime, Partial Closure on Imperial Highway from 8 pm-10 pm

Tuesday through Friday, September 3-6
(one of two lanes will be closed in each direction)

Overnight, Full Closure on Imperial Highway from 10 pm-6 am

Sunday through Friday, September 8-13
(two of two lanes will be closed in each direction)

- During the overnight full closures, emergency services will have access.
- Expect noise from truck back-up alarms, large drills, work crews and other equipment.
- Additional lighting is required for the safety of the public and the crews.
- Water trucks will be on-site and used to minimize dust during working hours.

UPCOMING PERMANENT CLOSURE:

The northbound I-5 Off-Ramp at Imperial Highway will permanently close beginning Monday, Sept. 9.

The work is part of the \$302 million I-5 HOV Imperial Highway and Pioneer Boulevard Project to widen nearly two miles of freeway by adding one HOV lane and one regular lane in each direction from Silverbow Avenue to Orr and Day Road. The bridges at San Antonio Drive, Imperial Highway, and Pioneer Boulevard will be rebuilt to accommodate the wider freeway. In addition to the new off-ramp at Imperial Hwy, other improvements include new sound walls and frontage roads. The contractor is Security Paving, Inc.

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This project is primarily funded (\$167.5 million) by Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. The project also received \$104 million in state transportation funds and \$30.5 million from Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Proposition C and Measure R.

The \$1.6 billion I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects will widen the freeway by adding one general purpose lane and one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane, in both directions from the Los Angeles County/Orange County line to I-605. The projects are overseen by Caltrans and funding is administered by Metro.

Caltrans thanks the motoring public and the City of Norwalk residents and businesses for their patience during construction. The public is encouraged to sign-up to receive email notifications on freeway lane and ramp closures and local city street closures by calling the I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects Toll-Free Information line at (855) 454-6335 or by visiting www.I-5info.com

Freeway Traffic Information: For timely, accurate and accessible real-time freeway traffic information and travel times, visit **Caltrans Quick Map** <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> **Caltrans Quick Map**