



NEWS RELEASE

Date: Wednesday, February 12, 2014
District 7: Los Angeles & Ventura Counties
Contact: Maria Raptis, 213-897-9372
I-5 Website: www.I-5info.com

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

New Ramps Will Open this Friday on Southbound Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) at Carmenita Road

A NEW ON-RAMP AND OFF-RAMP AT CARMENITA ROAD

Santa Fe Springs and Norwalk - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will open two new ramps on the southbound Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) at Carmenita Road on Friday morning, February 14 at 5 a.m. At the same time, the existing southbound I-5 on-and-off ramps at Carmenita Road will close permanently.

The new ramps are part of the I-5 HOV/Carmenita Road Bridge Project to construct one carpool lane and one general purpose lane in each direction from Alondra Boulevard to Shoemaker Avenue, construct new diamond-style ramps, and reconstruct the Carmenita Road Bridge from its existing two-lanes to 10 lanes. The contractor for the \$380 million Carmenita Road Bridge Project is Flatiron, Inc.

Another milestone for the Carmenita Bridge Project will occur on Sunday morning, February 23, when the travelling public will begin driving on three newly-paved southbound I-5 lanes. The lane transition will start just north of Carmenita Road and end just before Alondra Boulevard. The lane shift will transition mainline freeway traffic to the right and underneath the falsework structure for the Carmenita Bridge, and allow work to begin on the center bridge bents.

Caltrans reminds the public to drive safely and undistracted through the new transition lanes, especially while acclimating to the new movement and restriped lanes.

The public is encouraged to call the **I-5 Information Line at (855) 454-6335** to sign up to receive emails about project updates and to stay informed of all construction work on the I-5 Corridor at www.I-5info.com

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

The I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects consist of the seven-mile corridor from the Los Angeles/Orange County line to Interstate 605, a \$1.8 billion investment for freeway widening to add one HOV, or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane in each direction, ramp, bridge and interchange reconstruction and reconfiguration, shoulder construction and widening, concrete median barriers and safety enhancements.