



MEDIA ADVISORY

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Press Conference: I-405 Closure – Traffic Operations, Motorist Strategies

WHO: California Department of Transportation, District 7
Participants: Caltrans District 7 Director Mike Miles; California Highway Patrol (CHP) Assistant Chief Calvin Aubrey; Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) Executive Director of Transit Project Delivery K.N. Murphy

WHAT: Press conference to discuss traffic operations and strategies for motorists during the I-405 closure, Sept. 29 – 30 (aka Carmageddon II)

WHEN: Tuesday, September 25, 2012, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Los Angeles Regional Transportation Management Center (TMC)
2901 West Broadway
Los Angeles, CA 90041

BACKGROUND: The north side of the Mulholland Drive Bridge will be demolished the weekend of Sept. 29 – 30, 2012, as part of the Sepulveda Pass Widening Project. As with the demolition of the south side of the 608-foot-long bridge in July 2011, I-405 will be closed in both directions between I-10 and US 101. The expected closure duration is 53 hours.

Caltrans, Metro and CHP are concerned that closing the freeway will result in severe congestion on I-405 and other freeways in the region. Officials are encouraging people to resist complacency and to “Plan ahead, avoid the area, and eat, shop and play locally.” For those who *must* use the freeway system during the closure, Caltrans’ new QuickMap online tool can help motorists make smart choices about their route, as can the travel information service 511.

PHOTO OP: Limited access will be provided to the TMC theater, which contains numerous large screens showing real-time traffic conditions. Caltrans, Metro and CHP staff will be available for interviews.

