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LONG TERM HIGHWAY CLOSURE STATE ROUTE 165 IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has closed State Route 165 between the junctions of State Route 140 and State Route 152 to through traffic. The route closed on October 3, 2011 and **is scheduled to reopen on February 12, 2012.**

Local traffic will be able to access State Route 165 from the south at the junction of State Route 152. However, during the closure the public will not be able to travel across or under the San Joaquin River Bridge on State Route 165, which is being reconstructed.

Crews will replace the San Joaquin River Bridge, widen two other bridges, pave the roadway with asphalt overlay, and modify the Santa Fe Grade Road and Wolfsen Road intersections on the 15-mile stretch of highway.

Motorists should expect 60 minute delays. The alternate route is as follows:

Traveling southbound on State Route 165:

- Right (westbound) at State Route 140
- Southbound on Highway 33 through Gustine
- Southbound on Interstate 5
- Eastbound on State Route 152

Traveling northbound on Highway 165:

- Left (westbound) at State Route 152
- Northbound on Interstate 5
- Northbound on State Route 33 through Gustine
- Eastbound on State Route 140

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This work is scheduled to begin as listed, but is subject to change based on weather conditions.

This construction is part of the \$25.8 million Wolfsen Rehabilitation project, which includes \$8 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and is expected to be complete in the spring of 2012. The contractor for the project is Teichert.

Currently, there are 807 ongoing construction contracts statewide at the California Department of Transportation, valued at over \$10.3 billion.

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