



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PERMANENT FULL ROAD CLOSURE BUCHANAN HOLLOW ROAD FROM STATE ROUTE 99 TO EAST FRONTAGE ROAD IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will permanently close Buchanan Hollow Road from State Route 99 (SR-99) to east frontage road on Monday, September 16, 2013, at 7:00 a.m.

Crews are constructing a new frontage road, paving and removing one of the last at-grades on SR-99 in Merced County. A signed detour is in place and alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

DETOUR:

Southbound -

- Take Mission Interchange to local road.

Northbound -

- Le Grand exit to local road.

The closure is scheduled to begin as listed, but are subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/ or materials and construction related issues.

This work is part of the \$128 million SR-99 Arboleda Drive Freeway Project which began on June 27, 2012. The project will construct a new interchange at Arboleda Road and upgrade SR-99 from a four-lane expressway to a six-lane freeway on a seven-mile section just south of Merced between Buchanan Hollow Road and the Miles Creek Overflow. The project received approximately \$92 million from Proposition 1B, the \$19.9 billion transportation bond approved by voters in 2006; and will ease congestion, improve mobility, decrease travel times, improve operations, and enhance safety for both commute and recreational traffic in Merced County. The project is anticipated to be completed in late 2015.

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