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FULL HIGHWAY CLOSURE
STATE ROUTE 99 FROM STATE ROUTE 140 TO 17TH STREET (MAIN STREET) IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close southbound State Route 99 (SR-99) from SR-140 (before 16th Street) to G Street beginning Monday, January 12, 2015, through Friday, January 16, 2015, from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.

Crews will also perform various road construction and bridge activities on SR-99 from SR-140 to 17th Street (Main Street). Work will occur as follows:

- The northbound on-ramp from SR-140 (near 16th Street) to SR-99 is closed and scheduled to reopen January of 2015;
- The northbound off-ramp from SR-99 to G Street is closed and scheduled to reopen January of 2015;
- The eastbound connector ramp from SR-140 to SR-99/ near 17th Street (Main Street) is closed and scheduled to reopen January of 2015.
- The southbound on-ramp from G Street to SR-99 is closed and scheduled to reopen December of 2015;

Crews also shifted the southbound lanes into the median on SR-99 from Martin Luther King Way to SR-140 (near 16th Street) on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. The lane shift is anticipated to be in place until the spring of 2016.

Motorists should expect 20 minute delays. Alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

Construction is scheduled to begin as listed, but is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/ or materials, and construction related issues.
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This work is part of the $32.4 million SR-99 East Merced Overhead Project which began on June 11, 2012. The project will replace the bridge decks on the 15th Street Undercrossing and the East Merced Overhead Structures. The project will also bring the bridge widths and bridge rails to current standards; install a concrete median barrier; provide standard shoulder widths; and upgrade the existing guard rails and bridge approach rails.

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