Interstate 805

I-805 South Express Lanes Project
East Palomar Street Bridge Demolition

Project Overview
The demolition of the East Palomar Street Bridge over Interstate 805 (I-805) to make way for a Direct Access Ramp (DAR) will occur on Sunday, Aug. 18 from 3 p.m. through 5 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19. Known as "DARmageddon," the demolition of the East Palomar Street Bridge will have a significant impact on traffic in the area. During the demolition, I-805 will be closed between State Route 54 and State Route 905. Motorists will be detoured to the South Bay Expressway (State Route 125) and Interstate 5. As an alternative route during the 14-hour closure of I-805, the South Bay Expressway will be toll-free to motorists traveling northbound and southbound. Freeway access will be maintained for local residents on either side of the freeway closure limits.

The East Palomar Street Bridge over I-805 will be demolished August 18, 2013, to make way for a Direct Access Ramp (DAR).

Background on the East Palomar Street Bridge
The East Palomar Street Bridge was originally constructed in July 1975. Once it's completed in winter of 2014, the DAR will offer a convenient location from which carpools, vanpools and buses can access the Express Lanes currently under construction on I-805.

Demolition Data
- Public safety is Caltrans' number one priority during the bridge demolition. Caltrans and its contractors will have about 80 workers on site to ensure the demolition goes according to plan.
- Approximately 25 heavy pieces of equipment will be on site during the demolition. As a result of the demolition, more than 3,000 tons of concrete and rebar will be removed, which is more than 13 times the weight of the Statue of Liberty.

Average Daily Freeway Traffic in the Area
- On average, 141,000 vehicles travel daily on I-805 in the East Palomar Street Bridge area.

Bridge Demolition Cost
- Demolishing the East Palomar Street Bridge will cost approximately $360,000.

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