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## 55-Hour Weekend Closure on Sept. 26-29
## New Freeway Lane Configuration on Southbound I-5

***Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) South Corridor Improvement Projects***

**Santa Fe Springs –** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will implement a **55-Hour Weekend Closure** on the Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) in both directions from Carmenita Road to Valley View Avenue during the weekend of September 26 to 29. Crews will begin closing ramps and lanes and setting k-rail concrete barriers on Friday night, September 26, to prepare for full freeway and connector closures that start begin at 1 a.m. (Saturday morning, 9/27).

Motorists can expect overnight full freeway closures (1 a.m. to 7 a.m.) and partial lane closures during the day and night from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. within these limits. Two freeway connectors leading to northbound and southbound I-5 will be closed throughout the weekend: the southbound I-605 connector to southbound I-5; and the westbound SR-91 connector to northbound I-5.

The **55-Hour Weekend Closure** is necessary to pave and re-stripe lanes in the center median roadway for a lane reconfiguration on southbound I-5. On Monday morning 9/29, motorists will experience a traffic switch to the center of the roadway. The existing southbound lanes will be the new construction work zone for the ongoing roadway and shoulder widening and soundwall construction. Additionally, the southbound I-5 Alondra Blvd. on-ramp will permanently close.

The **55-Hour Weekend Closure** includes:

- **Two freeway connectors will be fully closed throughout the weekend:**
  - southbound I-605 to southbound I-5;
  - westbound SR-91 to northbound I-5.
- **Overnight, Full Freeway Closures:**
  - Saturday, 9/27 and Sunday 9/28, 1 a.m. to 7 a.m.
  - Monday, 9/29, 1 a.m. to 5 a.m.
- **Day and Night: Partial Lane Closures: 2 of 3 lanes OPEN**
  - Sat. & Sun., 9/27 & 9/28, 7 a.m. to 1 a.m.
- **The Extended Weekend Closure ends Monday 9/29 at 5 a.m.**

**CLOSED RAMPS**

- NB I-5 Valley View on-ramp is closed during the 55-Hour Weekend Closure.
- SB I-5 Alondra Blvd. on-ramp will permanently close beginning 9/26.

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**Avoid Delays. Take Alternate Routes. Use Alternate Modes of Transportation.**
Motorists are advised to use alternate ways around the weekend freeway closures.
Suggested detours are Routes SB-710, EB/WB-105, NB/SB-605, EB/WB-22 and NB-57.
Plan ahead, use alternate routes, use public transit or use alternate modes of transportation during closures.

**CLOSED RAMPS on the I-5 South Corridor**

- Northbound I-5 Carmenita on-ramp is closed until mid-2016. Use NB I-5 Rosecrans on-ramp.
- Southbound I-5 Alondra Blvd. on-ramp will permanently close beginning 9/26.
- Southbound I-5 Imperial Highway on-ramp is permanently closed.
- Southbound I-5 Imperial Highway off-ramp is closed. A new ramp will reopen the week of 9/29.
- Southbound I-5 Rosecrans Avenue on-/off-ramps are closed through mid-2015.

The closures and the work are related to the $110 million I-5 Alondra Boulevard Bridge Project, that is part of the larger $1.8 billion I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects to construct one carpool and one general purpose lane in each direction from the Los Angeles County/Orange County line to Interstate 605. The projects are overseen by Caltrans and funding is administered by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

The motoring public, residents and businesses are encouraged to sign-up for notification on street, lane and ramp closures by calling the toll-free **I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects information line (855) 454-6335** or by visiting www.I-5info.com

**Freeway Traffic Information:** For timely, accurate and accessible real-time freeway traffic information and travel times, visit **Caltrans Quick Map** **http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/** **Caltrans Quick Map**

View of construction zone I-5 at Alondra Blvd
and the primary work area during the 55-Hour Weekend Closure on Sept. 26-29, 2014

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