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Caltrans, CHP Prepare for Weekend Closure on WB I-80 *Major Traffic Delays Expected in North Sacramento*

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SACRAMENTO – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol unveiled plans today to manage traffic during this weekend’s major lane closures on westbound Interstate 80 due to construction work near the Sacramento River in North Natomas.

The Department of Transportation urges motorists to plan ahead and leave early because of anticipated traffic congestion around westbound I-80 / Interstate 5 junction. Motorists can expect more than 45 minutes in travel delays.

Caltrans urges motorists to plan ahead before travelling along this corridor by using an alternate route and to expect serious delays with extended distances. The closures are scheduled to start at **6 p.m. Friday, August 26** and continue through **5 a.m. Monday, August 29**. Access to and from eastbound I-80 will remain open.

“Caltrans and the CHP are ready and prepared for this weekend’s major lane closures. We have a traffic management plan that will help motorists travel through Sacramento efficiently while allowing our contractor to complete crucial roadwork before the Monday morning commute,” said Amarjeet S. Benipal, Caltrans District 3 Director.

During today’s news conference at West Sacramento City Hall, Caltrans, CHP and local officials detailed plans for shutting down the two westbound I-80 “local lanes” just west of Truxel Road and redirecting those motorists to I-5. Officials pointed out the far left “express lane” will be the only lane open for westbound I-80 to San Francisco until it reopens back to three lanes at the Sacramento River.



The traffic management plan also calls for shutting down a series of on- and off-ramps along westbound I-80 and I-5 in North Sacramento and downtown Sacramento. In addition, Caltrans will close an auxiliary lane on westbound U.S. Highway 50 in West Sacramento to improve



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traffic flow and reduce congestion. CHP units will be present throughout project area for traffic enforcement.

Under the plan, the following ramps will be closed:

- The northbound Truxel Road on-ramp to WB I-80.
- The north- and southbound I-5 ramps to WB I-80.
- All WB I-80 ramps at West El Camino.
- The P Street on-ramp to southbound I-5 and westbound U.S. 50.

For access to West El Camino Avenue from I-5, motorists and commercial truckers can use westbound Arena Boulevard, then head south on El Centro Road to West El Camino Avenue.

For an alternate route to westbound I-80 San Francisco, motorists in the far right “local lanes” should follow southbound I-5, connect to westbound U.S. Highway 50 to the I-80 junction towards Davis.



Motorists are encouraged to use Business 80 as an alternate route. Drivers traveling on State Highway 99 from the Yuba City-Marysville region and headed to the Bay Area are encouraged to use northbound I-5 to Highway 113 and connect to westbound I-80 in Davis.

Sacramento/Roseville residents headed on westbound I-80 for the Sacramento International Airport can take these alternate routes to avoid congestion around the junction of westbound I-80 and I-5:

- Exit at northbound Elkhorn Boulevard, head to southbound Highway 99 and then to northbound I-5.
- Exit NB Norwood Avenue, turn left to Main Avenue and continue to Del Paso Road to NB I-5.
- Exit at NB Northgate Blvd, turn Left on Del Paso to NB I-5.
- Exit at NB Truxel Road, turn Left on Del Paso to NB I-5.

The weekend lane closures are needed for safety reasons and to accommodate demolition and pavement construction work between West El Camino Avenue and the Sacramento River.

“The good news for everyone is this will be the final major push for the 80 Across the Top project, which is 95 percent complete,” said Kome Ajise, Caltrans Chief Deputy Director. “By late this fall, we will have 10 miles of new bus/carpool lanes operating in North Sacramento.”

Additional information is available at 80AcrossTheTop.com



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Weather or unexpected events may delay or prolong the work. Caltrans advises motorists to “Be Work Zone Alert.” The department will issue construction updates on Twitter @CaltransDist3 and on Facebook at CaltransDistrict3. For real-time traffic, click on Caltrans QuickMap at: <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

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