Beginning September 7, motorists traveling through the Delta region may experience delays and detours. California Department of Transportation will begin work on a project to repaint three Delta Bridges along State Highway 160.

The $8.4 million dollar project includes the repainting of three Sacramento Delta bridges starting with Steamboat Slough, the Isleton Bridge, and finishing with the Paintersville Bridge. Motorists will be subject to detours and delays 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Marine traffic will have minimal delays. Access for marine vessels will be accommodated by keeping one “bridge leaf” in the upright and locked position. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and to include additional travel time. Signed detours will be available. All work is scheduled for completion by the spring of 2012.

The three bridges are Strauss Heel Trunnion Bascule type bridges. The Isleton and Paintersville Bridges were constructed in 1923 and the Steamboat Slough Bridge was built in 1924, by architect and bridge builder J.B. Strauss, “Father of the Golden Gate”. Bascule bridges have sections called “leaves” that rotate upward and away from the centerline of the river, providing clear passage for river traffic. All of these bridges are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Please be advised, this schedule is subject to change. Caltrans will use roadside message boards to post the latest information. Caltrans reminds motorists to “Slow for the Cone Zone” when travelling past construction and to be alert for personnel and equipment entering and exiting the work area.