

**Date:** Thursday, August 12, 2010  
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## **I-710 FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES BEGIN TOMORROW**

**In both directions, from just south of Firestone Boulevard to just north of I-105.**

**8 Weekends: August 13 to October 11, 2010**

**South Gate, Los Angeles County** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct eight extended weekend closures on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) in both northbound and southbound directions. The first full freeway closure begins Friday, August 13 at 11:45 p.m. until Monday, August 16 at 5 a.m. The construction is part of the I-710 Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project to replace aging pavement from I-405 to I-5.

The project limits for this phase extends from just south of Firestone Boulevard to just north of the Glenn Anderson Freeway (I-105). **FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES** within these project limits will occur twice during each weekend beginning Friday at 11:45 p.m. until Saturday at 6 a.m., and again on Sunday at 11 p.m. until Monday at 5 a.m.

Full Freeway Closures on I-710 are scheduled for these eight weekends:

August 13-16	September 10-13	October 1-4
August 20-23	September 17-20	October 8-11
August 27-30	September 24-27	

No construction will occur during the Labor Day holiday weekend of September 3-6.

During the six-hour (12:01 - 6 a.m.) **FULL FREEWAY CLOSURE**, moveable median barriers will be placed to guide motorists onto the northbound side when I-710 is re-opened on Saturday at 6 a.m. The barriers also allow construction crews to work safely throughout the weekend on southbound I-710. The number of lanes available to motorists will be reduced: two lanes for northbound travel and three for southbound. Then, on Sunday at 11 p.m., another **FULL CLOSURE** occurs to remove the temporary barriers in time for the Monday morning commute.

### **CLOSED On-ramps to northbound I-710:**

Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Rosecrans Avenue and Imperial Highway

### **CLOSED On-ramps to southbound I-710:**

Eastbound & westbound on-ramps from Florence Avenue, Firestone Boulevard and Imperial Hwy

**CLOSED Freeway Connectors:** Eastbound and westbound I-105 to northbound I-710

**RESTRICTIONS:** Speed reduced to 45mph. No oversized loads permitted due to narrow lanes.

**DELAYS AND DETOURS:** Motorists can expect delays and are advised to use alternate routes and marked street detours. Trucks are advised to use Garfield Avenue.

**PROJECT DETAILS:** **The work is part of the I-710 Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project to rehabilitate aging pavement and provide the roadway with several decades of**

**service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public.**