

# MOTORIST ADVISORY

**Date:** December 19, 2013  
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## Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

### Special Closure Notes:

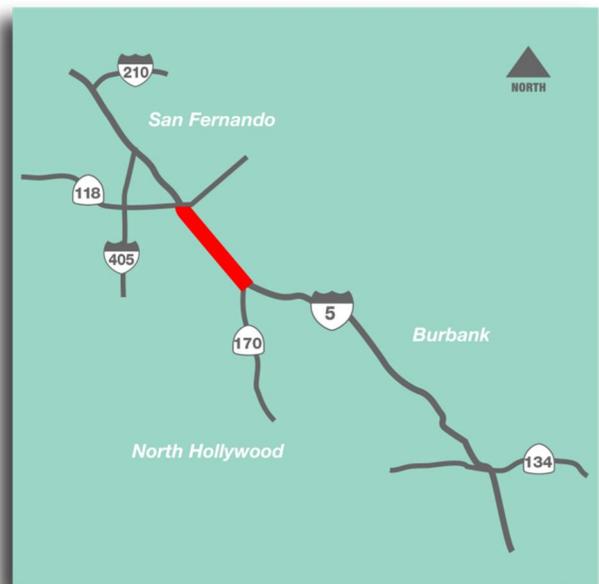
- To avoid inconveniencing motorists who will be traveling to Christmas festivities, there will be no construction closures for this project from December 24 at 6 a.m. through December 27. Happy holidays!
- Southbound I-5 between the I-5/SR-170 interchange and Sheldon Street will be closed nightly through January 31, 2014, 11 p.m. to 4 a.m., except during the Christmas period noted above and New Year's, December 31 through the morning of January 2.

**Arleta** — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures listed below as part of a project that is constructing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV lane connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange.

Ramp closures will be nonconsecutive. Detours will be signed. *Closures are subject to change.*

No unusual levels of noise, dust or vibration are expected. Residents may hear some construction noise, but it will not exceed levels permitted by state and federal regulations.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.



Closure information for this and other freeway projects is available on the Caltrans website: <http://www.lcswebreports.dot.ca.gov/lcswebreports/>

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For real-time traffic information, visit [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov), [go511.com](http://go511.com), or call 5-1-1.

*Closure Dates: Monday, Dec. 23, through Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2013*

## **Southbound I-5**

*Southbound I-5 between the I-5/SR-170 interchange and Sheldon Street will be closed nightly through Jan. 31, 2014, 11 p.m. to 4 a.m. A signed detour will direct motorists. Additional closures below.*

### *Lanes*

- Up to four lanes between SR-118 and SR-170: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

*Note: The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.*

## **Long-Term I-5 Ramp Closures**

### *Long-Term Off-Ramp Closure*

- Northbound I-5 to westbound Terra Bella Street (opens January 2014)

### *Long-Term On-Ramp Closure*

- Branford Street to southbound I-5 (opens April 2014)

## **About the Project**

Caltrans is constructing an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). The project is also widening four undercrossings, replacing sections of pavement, and building a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for

freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California. Work began in August 2010 and is on track for completion in late 2014. Funding administered by Metro.

Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction. For more information, visit [I-5info.com](http://I-5info.com).

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