

MOTORIST ADVISORY

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I-5 Empire Project Update: Upcoming Construction Activities and Closures

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no construction closures for this project from Wednesday, November 26, at 6 a.m. to Sunday, November 30, at 11:59 p.m.

BURBANK — The construction activities and closures listed below will occur Nov. 22-26, 2014, as part of the I-5 Empire Project in Burbank, a series of freeway improvements between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street. More information about the project is [here](#). *Construction activities and closures are subject to change.*

Major Construction Activities for the Nov. 22-26, 2014

Night Work

- Burbank Water and Power will relocate a utility line beginning at 11 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, through 6 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23. There will be a **full closure of I-5 in both directions between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Nov. 23** to complete this work. See the attached advisory or click [here](#) for more information.
- Both directions of I-5 will be restriped between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street, starting at 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 24, through 6 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25.
- Northbound I-5 will be restriped between Buena Vista Street to just north of Hollywood Way to provide an auxiliary lane from the Buena Vista Street on-ramp to the Hollywood Way off-ramp. The work will occur between 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 25, and 4 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 26.
- The northbound I-5 Hollywood Way off-ramp will be restriped to create two left-turn lanes on Tuesday night, Nov. 25.
- Crews will stripe Empire Avenue and Leland Way on Monday and Tuesday nights, Nov. 24 and 25.

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Day Work

- Leland Way Channel Cap: Excavation for piles. Concrete removals. Striping.
- NOTE:** Leland Way is now a ONE-WAY STREET (temporarily). Motorists may travel in a northerly direction only, as directed by signage. Also, parking restrictions are now in effect. More info is [here](#).
- Retaining wall work near the southbound I-5 Buena Vista Street off-ramp and the southbound I-5 Burbank Boulevard off-ramp, and south of Hollywood Way.
 - Excavation for MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) wall east of the railroad tracks between Hollywood Way and Buena Vista Street.
 - Utility removal/relocation on San Fernando Boulevard near the Grismer Avenue intersection.
 - Placement of conduit (for pump station) on Victory Place north of Empire Avenue.

Please be attentive to closures, slow down, and watch for workers in construction zones.

What to Expect: Residents and businesses close to the freeway may notice vibration and construction noise, but *it will not exceed levels permitted by state, federal and local regulations*. Also, the contractor is using approved dust-control measures to minimize airborne particles, but some dust is expected.

Additionally, motorists should be attentive to new traffic patterns created by restriping of travel lanes and concrete barriers. Please proceed cautiously and watch for workers.

Closures for the Week of November 22-26, 2014

Lanes

- There will be a **full closure of I-5 in both directions between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Nov. 23**. Although the closure of ALL lanes won't begin until 2 a.m. on November 23, lane closures will start on Saturday, November 22, at 11 p.m. and will end on Sunday, November 23, at 6 a.m. See the attached advisory or click [here](#) for more details.
- I-5 in both directions between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street may be reduced to two lanes the nights of Monday, Nov. 24, and Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Ramps

- Ramps in both directions of I-5 between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street will be closed sporadically to complete a striping operation the nights of Monday, Nov. 24, and Tuesday, Nov. 25, from 8 p.m. to 6 a.m. *No two consecutive ramps will be closed at any time.*

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Street Closures

- Empire Avenue will have one travel lane in each direction at all times.
- A short stretch of San Fernando Boulevard near Grismer Avenue will be reduced to one lane during the day.

Resources for Motorists

- **Project Information:** Information about the project is [here](#).
- **Closure Information:** Closure information for this and other freeway projects is also available on the [Caltrans website](#) and the [I-5 website](#).
- **Real-Time traffic Information:** Visit [quickmap.dot.ca.gov](#), [go511.com](#), or call 5-1-1.

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.

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

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