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| **Wednesday, August 14, 2013130814-1****In this Issue:****Countdown to Orange County I-405 Freeway Closure - Scheduled to Begin This Weekend****Caltrans Awards Planning Grant for 57/60 Interchange Planning Work** |
| **Countdown to Orange County I-405 Freeway Closure - Scheduled to Begin This Weekend**Full I-405 20 Hour Closure Scheduled Between I-605 and Valley View StreetThere are **3** days left until the 20-hour closure of the eastbound SR-22, northbound I-405 and southbound I-405 freeways **between I-605 and Valley View Street**. The closure is scheduled to commence Saturday, August 17, 2013 at 9:00 p.m. through Sunday, August 18, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The [Orange County Transportation Authority](http://simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=65555&NL=4423&N=81247&SI=4255814&URL=http://www.octa.net/)  (OCTA) recently opened the newly reconstructed connector between the southbound San Diego Freeway (I-405) and the eastbound Garden Grove Freeway (SR-22), marking a milestone for the [West County Connectors project](http://simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=65555&NL=4423&N=81247&SI=4255814&URL=http://www.octa.net/Freeways-and-Streets/Garden-Grove-Freeway-%28SR-22%29/West-County-Connectors/Project-Schedule-and-Upcoming-Construction/). Crews will now move forward to demolish the old structure, a major demolition activity that will require a full 20-hour closure of the I-405 freeway. OCTA and the construction team developed an [interactive Google map](http://simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=65555&NL=4423&N=81247&SI=4255814&URL=https://maps.google.com/maps/ms?msid=205019920822877204952.0004d40fa081ecaaba1b1&msa=0) and list of recommended detours for this scheduled closure. Northbound I-405 detours:* Exit Beach Boulevard and turn right; take the westbound SR-22 on-ramp to reconnect with northbound I-405
* Exit Westminster Avenue (east) and turn left, turn right on Bolsa Chica Road and take the westbound SR-22 on-ramp to reconnect with the northbound I-405
* Exit Valley View Street and turn left on Garden Grove Boulevard, turn right on Valley View Street and take the westbound 22 on-ramp to reconnect with northbound I-405.

Southbound I-405 detours:* Exit Studebaker Road and turn right, turn left on East Second Street/Westminster Avenue, continue on Westminster Avenue to access southbound I-405
* Merge onto northbound I-605, exit Katella Avenue and turn right, turn right on Valley View Street to access southbound I-405.

Southbound I-605 detours:* Exit Willow Street and turn right, turn left on Studebaker Road, turn left on east Second Street/Westminster Avenue, continue on Westminster Avenue to access southbound I-405.

Motorists on Seventh Street and eastbound SR-22 should merge on northbound I-605, exit Katella Avenue and turn right on Valley View Street to access southbound I-405. For full closure details as found on The Source, including a map of the closures and helpful links, please click [here.](http://simplesend.com/simple/t.asp?S=336&ID=65555&NL=4423&N=81247&SI=4255814&URL=http://thesource.metro.net/2013/08/12/meanwhile-at-the-other-end-of-the-i-405/)**Caltrans Awards Planning Grant for 57/60 Interchange Planning Work**The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the City of Diamond Bar and Metro submitted an application to Caltrans in their Statewide Planning Grant Competition for a planning grant to perform some initial planning work towards a detailed feasibility study of the 57/60 Interchange area. Last week, Caltrans notified the applicants via a letter that we were granted, through SCAG, a $100,000 grant in this round of funding for the work effort. The City of Diamond Bar is providing the $25,000 local match to the grant. The scope of work for the grant consists of: development of a comprehensive community outreach component to increase support for future confluence projects(s), update the existing Travel Demand Model to estimate the traffic patterns in light of other potential future improvements in the corridor, and updating the micro simulation model to document the congestion relief of future proposed improvements. A detailed feasibility study is recommended to address recently identified long term future goods movement initiatives in the corridor and their impacts on the interchange. Caltrans is scheduling a teleconference meeting with the grant participants to discuss the details of their award letter and the work program. |
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