

## **MTA Construction in Universal City Necessitates Closure of Hollywood Freeway Beginning Sunday April 22**

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(April 20) MTA construction of a new overpass adjacent to the Metro Red Line Universal City subway station will necessitate the weekend closure of the Hollywood (101) Freeway beginning Sunday, April 22.

Work involving the construction of a new overpass at Ventura Boulevard will include the placement of steel girders during three consecutive weekends. Brutuco will perform the work, under contract to MTA.

The northbound lanes of the Hollywood (101) Freeway will be closed to traffic from 2 a.m. to 8 a.m. on Sunday, April 22 as well as the following weekend during the same time period on April 29.

North bound traffic on the Hollywood (101) Freeway will exit at Lankershim Boulevard, travel right on Lankershim then left on Universal Terrace Parkway and onto the north bound Hollywood Freeway using a temporary on-ramp. This detour will remain in effect during the construction periods listed above.

On May 6, all southbound lanes of the Hollywood (101) Freeway will be closed for similar construction work. The closure will occur between 1 a.m. and 9 a.m.

South bound traffic on the Hollywood (101) freeway will exit the freeway at Vineland, turn right to Ventura Boulevard and then turn left and proceed south along Ventura Boulevard entering the south bound Hollywood (101) Freeway just past Lankershim Boulevard.

Construction of the new freeway overpass and ramps once completed later this year will improve access to the Universal City Metro Rail Station and enhance overall traffic flow in the Universal City, Studio City and surrounding communities.

The construction work and freeway closures are being reformed during the late night and early morning hours on the weekend to avoid impacting rush hour traffic along the Hollywood (101) Freeway.

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