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# Caltrans Changes Dates of El Monte Busway Resurfacing Work

- Busway resurfacing begins Wednesday, Aug. 25
- Work on Metrolink's San Bernardino line begins tonight

(Aug. 20, 2004) Caltrans has announced a change in the dates its contractor will begin work on a project to resurface almost six miles of the El Monte Busway between the I-710 and Mission Street in Los Angeles.

Currently, the contractor plans to work on the Busway starting at 10 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25, through 4 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 26. Work will continue from 10 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, through 4 a.m., Friday, Aug. 27.

No resurfacing work is planned on the weekends of Aug. 20-22, Aug. 27-29 or Sept. 3-5, according to Caltrans Resident Engineer Anthony Kim.

Meanwhile, Metrolink will begin work this weekend on a crosstie replacement project on the San Bernardino line between El Monte and the Los Angeles River.

The work begins at 10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, and will close the rail line until noon on Saturday, Aug. 21. The line will be closed again from 8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, until 4 a.m., Monday, Aug. 23.

## I-10 HOV lane to close

The westbound HOV lane on the I-10 will be closed at 10 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 22, until 4 a.m., Monday, Aug. 23.

Caltrans has only a tentative schedule for further work on the El Monte Busway. The contractor is required to submit lane closure requests only a week in advance of planned resurfacing work.

During the resurfacing, the El Monte Transit Center will remain open, but Metro Buses won't have access to County-USC Medical Center or to the Cal State LA bus station. Buses will operate on the freeway during work periods.

Metro Bus Lines 484, 485, 487, 489 and 490 will be affected by the Busway work and patrons can expect some delays.

Foothill Transit Lines 480, 482 and 486 will be affected on weekdays between 10 p.m. and 4 a.m., while Line 480 will be impacted on weekends. Foothill Transit buses will not serve the Cal State LA or the County-USC stations during resurfacing work periods.

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