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## Metro, Caltrans to Close El Monte Busway, I - 10 HOV Lanes for Renovation

- Project will affect nighttime busway and HOV access from Sept. 8 to Oct. 13

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(Sept. 8, 2005) Metro and Caltrans will close the El Monte Busway and the I-10 Freeway HOV lane for several weeks, beginning tonight, to perform bus station enhancements at the Cal State LA and County USC Medical Center.

During the station closures, construction crews will renovate the bus station, replacing the enclosure on the pedestrian bridge over the HOV lane, repainting, and upgrading lighting and tile work.

From Sept. 8 to Sept. 21, the agencies will close the HOV lane from Alameda Street to the I-710 Freeway between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The I-10 Freeway will remain open to regular traffic.

From Sept. 8 through Oct. 13, the USC Medical Center and Cal State LA bus stations will be closed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Daytime bus service and HOV-lane access will not be affected.

### Bus lines rerouted

Metro Bus Lines 484, 485 and 490 will be temporarily rerouted during those time periods. Commuters should use Line 70 to reach those stops, boarding at:

- Spring Street between 7th Street and Cesar Chavez Avenue in Downtown LA,
- Cesar Chavez Avenue at Alameda Street,
- Marengo Street at State Street (LA County/USC Medical Center),
- Ramona Boulevard at Campus Road (Cal State LA), and the
- El Monte Busway Station

Signs announcing the nighttime bus station closures will be posted at the medical center and on the university campus.

Cal State LA will shut down all electrical power at the south end of campus, including the Metro Bus station on Sunday, Sept. 18, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The elevators on the east and west ends of the station will be out of service during those times.

