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## Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (Magnolia Blvd. to SR-134)

San Fernando Valley – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the following lanes, ramps, and connectors of the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Ventura Freeway (SR-134) as part of a \$57.8 million improvement project to construct High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes in each direction along I-5 between SR-134 and Magnolia Boulevard. Closures are subject to change. Detours will be signed.

\*There will be no closures from 5 a.m. on December 24, 2013 to midnight on December 25, 2013 due to the Holiday.

\*Currently, Southbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Western Avenue Offramps are continuously closed day and night. These are expected to open in mid-2014.

\*Currently, Northbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Alameda Avenue Offramps are continuously closed day and night. These are expected to open in mid-2014.

\*No two consecutive ramp closures are taken.

Golden State Freeway (I-5) Closures

Saturday December 21 through Saturday December 28, 2013

 Southbound I-5 Western Avenue Westbound and Eastbound On Ramps TIME 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Southbound I-5 Western Avenue Westbound and Eastbound Off Ramps TIME 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Alameda Avenue Off Ramp Time: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Southbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Alameda Avenue On Ramp Time: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Northbound I-5 Western Avenue Eastbound and Westbound On Ramp TIME: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Northbound I-5 Western Avenue Eastbound and Westbound Off Ramp TIME: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Northbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Alameda Avenue On Ramp Time: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Northbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Alameda Avenue Off Ramp Time: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Westbound and Eastbound Burbank Boulevard On Ramp Time: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Southbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Olive Avenue/Verdugo Avenue
   On-Ramps

TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

 Southbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Olive Avenue/Verdugo Avenue Off Ramps

TIME: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Westbound SR-134 Connector to Northbound I-5 TIME: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

- Southbound I-5 Connector to Eastbound SR-134 TIME: 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Olive Avenue/Verdugo Avenue
   On-Ramps

TIME: 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Northbound Colorado Street Freeway Extension I-5 to SR134 Ventura
 Freeway

Up to two lanes: 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Four lanes: 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

Northbound I-5 Eastbound and Westbound Olive Avenue/Verdugo Avenue
 Off-Ramps

TIME: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- Westbound SR-134 at I-5 intersection
   Time: Up to three lanes 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 from SR-134 to Burbank Boulevard TIME: Up to two lanes – 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
- Northbound I-5 from Colorado Boulevard to SR-134
   TIME: Up to three lanes 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
   Four lanes-1 a.m. to 4 a.m.
- Southbound Burbank Boulevard to SR-134
   TIME: Up to three lanes 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.
   Four lanes: 1 a.m. to 4 a.m.

## **About the Project**

This project is building a high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction along the Golden State Freeway (I-5) between the Ventura Freeway (SR-134) and Magnolia Boulevard in Burbank, a total distance of 5.4 miles (2.7 miles in each direction). It is also constructing sound walls and retaining walls.

The new HOV lanes will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, provide a smoother ride for motorists, and reduce traffic on city streets.

Funding for this \$57.8 million project is provided by Proposition C. The contractor is Security Paving of Sun Valley, California. Work began in March 2011 and is expected to be completed in late 2016.

Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction.