MOTORIST ADVISORY



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Closures for I-5 HOV Improvement Project (SR-118 to SR-170)

SPECIAL CLOSURE NOTE: There will be a full closure of northbound I-5 between Lankershim Boulevard and Paxton Street from Monday, Dec. 22, at 11:59 p.m. to Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 5 a.m. All ramps along this segment of northbound I-5 will be closed as well. This closure is necessary to protect workers and motorists during a signage installation and median barrier operation. A signed detour will be provided.

ARLETA — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) plans to implement the closures listed below December 22-24, 2014, as part of a project that is constructing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool) lanes and a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. *There will be no construction closures for this project December 25 and 26.*

Residents may hear some construction noise, but it will not exceed levels permitted by state and federal regulations.

Resources for Motorists:

- More information about the project is <u>here</u>.
- Closure information for this and other freeway projects is available on the <u>Caltrans website</u>.
 Closures are subject to change.
- For real-time traffic information, visit quickmap.dot.ca.gov, go511.com, or call 5-1-1.

Northbound I-5

Lanes

Up to four lanes between Sheldon Street and SR-118: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
 Note: The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.

See information above (in red) about a full closure of northbound I-5 the night of Dec. 22.

Ramps

 All I-5 ramps between Lankershim Boulevard and Paxton Street will be closed from Monday, Dec. 22, at 11:59 p.m. to Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 5 a.m.

Southbound I-5

Lanes

Up to five lanes between SR-118 and Sheldon Street: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.
Note: The most restrictive closures (i.e., the most lanes closed) will occur between midnight and 4 a.m.

Long-Term On-Ramp Closure

Branford Street to southbound I-5 (opens January 2015)

Northbound SR-170

Lanes

Up to two lanes between Roscoe Boulevard and Sheldon Street/Arleta Street: 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Southbound SR-170

Lanes

Up to two lanes between I-5 and Roscoe Boulevard: 9 p.m. to 5 a.m.

About the Project

Caltrans is constructing an HOV lane in each direction on I-5 between the Hollywood Freeway (SR-170) and SR-118, a distance of 6.8 miles (3.4 miles in each direction). The project is also widening four undercrossings, replacing sections of pavement, and building a direct HOV connector at the I-5/SR-170 interchange. A direct HOV connector allows for freeway-to-freeway transfers without exiting the carpool lane.

This project will alleviate congestion, encourage carpooling, improve air quality, and provide a smoother ride for motorists. The work is part of Caltrans' effort to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California. Work began in August 2010 and is on track for completion in early 2015. Funding administered by Metro.

For the safety of the construction crew and motorists, please be attentive to closures, slow for the cone zone, and move over one lane where possible.

Caltrans thanks motorists for their patience and understanding during construction. For more information, visit <u>I-5info.com</u>.