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Pile Driving for I-5 Empire Project in Burbank to Begin January 12, 2015

BURBANK — Pile driving to widen the Buena Vista Street Bridge in Burbank will begin January 12, 2015, near the N. Buena Vista Street/Winona Avenue intersection under I-5. (See map below.) The work is part of Caltrans' I-5 Empire Project and is necessary to construct the foundation for the widened bridge, which will accommodate new carpool lanes in both directions of I-5.

The I-5 Empire Project is a series of improvements to I-5 in Burbank between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street, including: carpool lanes, elevated railroad tracks, reconfigured ramps, a new interchange at Empire Avenue, widening of the Buena Vista Street and Burbank Boulevard bridges, and more. More information about the project is <u>here</u>.

PILE DRIVING DETAILS

What: Pile driving is a common method of constructing structure foundations. To support the structure, steel beams (piles) are driven into the soil until reaching a hard layer of earth beneath the structure foundation.

Where: The work will take place near the intersection of N. Buena Vista Street and Winona Avenue.



When: Pile driving will occur between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and most weekends. The work will be ongoing for approximately six to seven weeks, ending in late February.

Closures: During weekend work, the segments of Buena Vista Street and Winona Avenue that pass under I-5 will be closed in both directions. Signed detours will be provided.

Impacts: Those who live or work near the construction area may notice noise and vibration during this operation. Noise and vibration levels will be measured and closely monitored.

Schedule Changes: The work schedule is subject to change due to operational factors and inclement weather.

Stay Informed: To get the latest information about pile driving and other work related to the I-5 Empire Project, visit <u>I-5info.com</u>. Submit your email address through the website to get notifications delivered automatically to your inbox. You can also call us on the toll-free I-5 Info Line at (855) 454-6335.

Please be attentive to closures, slow down, and watch for workers in construction zones.

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