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Duet for hoe rams: Two of the giant machines go about their business in a work site swathed in sound blankets.

The 405 project hits a new stage next week as workers demolish the north side of the Sunset Bridge. That bridge was the first of three to be demolished and rebuilt as part of the project, which will add a 10-mile northbound carpool lane and other improvements to one of the nation's busiest freeways. (Demolition of another of the bridges, at Mulholland Drive, caused the closure heard 'round the world with last summer's "Carmaggedon.")

Metro officials said there will be 12 nights of demolition, which will require freeway closures (in only one direction at a time) as well as ramp closures and impact on nearby streets. Reconstruction of the Sunset Bridge is expected to take about a year.

The work starts Monday, October 31. For more details, read Metro's announcement.

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