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Supervisor Yaroslavsky briefs the media about Wilshire ramps work, as project head Mike Barbour looks on.

With "Ramp Jam" (aka The Rampture) fast approaching, Supervisor and Metro director Zev Yaroslavsky will be answering your questions about the long-running closure of the Wilshire Boulevard ramps to the 405 Freeway in an online chat Friday, June 15.

He'll be joined by Metro construction experts for the chat, which begins at noon. You can join the hour-long online session while it's in progress, or email questions in advance to livechat@metro.net.

The ramp closures are set to begin June 22, and will last about a year. Traffic conditions in the area already are among the nation's worst—and construction will likely make things even more challenging. There are alternatives for commuters, however. And the finished result—modern new "flyover ramps"—will create a safer intersection with better traffic movement.

The ramp work is part of the 405 Project to build a 10-mile northbound carpool lane along with other improvements. "Carmageddon II," a repeat performance of last year's extended closure of the entire freeway, is expected later this summer.

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