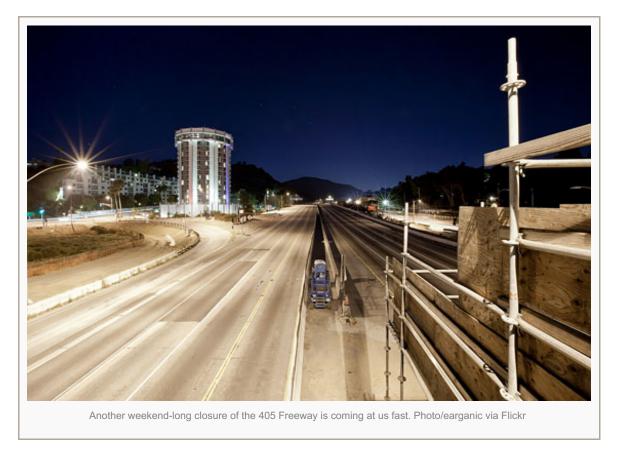
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Whether you've been following every twist and turn of the 405 Project as it progresses or are just trying to catch up on the latest strategies for coping with Carmageddon II, an upcoming community meeting can help.

At the September 6 meeting, officials will present information about all the closures, detours and alternative routes being developed as Los Angeles gets ready to navigate the second coming of Carmageddon. That long-running closure of the entire 405 Freeway between the 10 and the 101 takes place the last weekend in September.

The first ramps will begin closing at 7 p.m. on Friday, September 28. The full freeway will be closed on Saturday, September 29, and Sunday, September 30, and is set to reopen at 5 a.m. on Monday, October 1. The closures are needed so workers can demolish the north side of the Mulholland Bridge over the freeway—part of a wide-ranging project to bring a northbound carpool lane and other improvements to the stretch of the 405 that runs through the Sepulveda Pass.

The community meeting will take place at Ahmanson Hall in the Skirball Center, 2701 North Sepulveda Boulevard. Free parking will be available in the north garage on the Skirball grounds, and in the east garage on the east side of Sepulveda Boulevard.

During the original Carmageddon last summer, motorists heeded the official warnings about staying off the roads and things turned out better than expected. This time around, the message to the public has been tweaked and officials are advising people to "Plan Ahead, Avoid the Area, or Eat, Shop and Play Locally."

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