



NEWS RELEASE

Date: Friday, March 22, 2013
District 7: Los Angeles & Ventura counties
Contact: Maria Raptis, 213-897-9372
www.dot.ca.gov/dist07
www.I-5info.com



Northbound Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) Firestone Boulevard On-and-Off-Ramps to Permanently Close

Plus, an Update of Ongoing Work on the I-5 South Corridor

NORWALK – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will permanently close the northbound So. Firestone Boulevard on-ramp and off-ramp beginning Thursday night, April 4. This off-ramp exits from the #1 lane (far left) onto Firestone Boulevard. A digital portable message sign is at the off-ramp to notify the motoring public of the upcoming closure. Motorists can exit at either the Rosecrans Avenue or Norwalk Boulevard off-ramps. The closure is part of the I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects extending in both directions from the Los Angeles/Orange County line to I-605.

Other upcoming work:

- **Pile driving for soundwall construction** will begin Monday, March 25 from 7 am to 3:30 pm in a construction zone facing southbound I-5 just north of the Imperial Highway/Pioneer off-ramp. The construction zone staging area for the pile driving equipment and crane is on Dollison Dr., between Dune St. and the Dollison cul-de-sac. Expect noise and vibration from the equipment, truck back-up alarms and work crews during daytime hours. This work continues through September 30.
- **Pile driving for the Shoemaker Avenue Bridge reconstruction** will begin Monday, April 8 from 7 am to 3:30 pm in a construction zone facing southbound I-5 between South Shoemaker Ave. and Loch Nevis Ave. The public can expect noise and vibration from the equipment, truck back-up alarms and work crews during daytime hours.

An update of work in progress:

- **Full Closure of the Shoemaker Avenue Bridge** between Rosecrans Ave and Excelsior Dr began on 2/19/13, and continues for approximately one year until spring 2014. The Shoemaker Bridge is the first structure, among the I-5 South Corridor Projects, to be closed, demolished (3/14/13), and to begin reconstruction work.
- **Full Closure of North Firestone Blvd** frontage road between Carmenita Road and Rosecrans Avenue began on 2/19/13 for realignment. Of this segment, the road between Gracebee Ave. and Loch Nevis Ave. will reopen in late summer 2013, but the remaining roadway will permanently close.
- **Full Closure of Dollison Drive**, a local street abutting southbound I-5, began on 3/4/13 and continues through September 2013 while Dollison Dr. is being realigned.
- **Pile Driving for the new 10-lane Carmenita Road Bridge** is ongoing at the intersection of Firestone Blvd, west of Carmenita Rd and abutting southbound I-5, during weekdays from 7 am to 5 pm. The pile driving work - to set approximately 2,500 steel piles into the ground - began on 11/26/12 and continues through April 2013.

The \$1.6 billion Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) South Corridor Improvement Projects extend nearly seven miles from the Los Angeles County/Orange County line to I-605 to widen the freeway, bridges and overcrossings to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane and one general purpose lane. All work schedules are subject to change and are weather permitting. The public is encouraged to sign-up to receive email notifications on freeway lane and ramp closures and local city street closures by calling the I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects Toll-Free Hotline (855) 454-6335 or by visiting www.I-5info.com

Traffic Information: For timely, accurate and accessible real-time traffic information and travel times, visit **Caltrans Quick Map** <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> **Caltrans Quick Map**