



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Southbound I-5 Carmenita Road Off-Ramp CLOSED DAYTIME CLOSURE THIS FRIDAY**

#### *Santa Ana Freeway (I-5) South Corridor Improvement Projects Carmenita Road Bridge Project*

**Santa Fe Springs** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will fully close the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Carmenita Road on **Friday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** during an above ground concrete pour for the new Carmenita Road Bridge. Motorists will be directed to exit southbound I-5 at the Rosecrans Avenue or Valley View Avenue off-ramps.

#### **Overnight, Thursday, May 15, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.**

Also, be advised that Caltrans will fully close a segment of Carmenita Road in both directions from South Firestone Boulevard to Molette Street on Thursday, May 15, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. The closure includes the Carmenita Road Bridge and the southbound I-5 off-ramp at Carmenita Road. The work involves a concrete pour for deck segments of the new Carmenita Bridge.

#### **The schedule for Thursday night, May 15, is as follows:**

- 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. - **All Lanes** on Carmenita Road will be closed in both directions between South Firestone Blvd. to Molette St.  
**Detour:** Alondra Blvd., Bloomfield Ave. and Rosecrans Ave.  
**Full Ramp Closure:** southbound I-5 off-ramp at Carmenita Rd.

#### **Carmenita Road Bridge Project: Look-Ahead Schedule for 2014/2015**

The following dates associated with the Carmenita Road Bridge Project are approximate and based on the current construction schedule. Schedules are subject to change.

- **Current work:** Northbound I-5 on-ramp realignment (Freeway Dr. frontage road to Excelsior).
- **Summer 2014** - three northbound I-5 lanes near Carmenita Rd will shift to the right.
  - Note: Lane shift must be coordinated with work stages of adjacent I-5 Corridor Projects.
- **July 2014 -- April 2015** (approx. 10 months) - roadway realignment (near Carmenita Rd.)
- **July 2014 -- Dec. 2015** (approx. 18 months) - northbound I-5 on-ramp at Carmenita Rd. closes.

#### ***New Reduced Speed Limit "Slow for the Cone Zone"***

The posted speed limit along the I-5 South Corridor, from the Los Angeles/Orange County line to Interstate 605, has been reduced from 65 miles per hour to 55 mph. Signs are posted alerting motorists of increased traffic fines in highway construction work zones. Caltrans is partnering with the California Highway Patrol to enforce the newly reduced speed limit to enhance the safety of motorists and workers in this highway construction work zone.