



CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION ALERT

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STATE ROUTE 198 HANFORD EXPRESSWAY TO BE OPEN TOMORROW

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Flatiron Construction announces the opening of eastbound traffic lanes as the final phase of the State Route 198 Hanford Expressway Widening Project in Tulare and Kings Counties between State Route 99 and State Route 43. This final phase of construction will open the two newly constructed lanes (south side) that will serve as eastbound State Route 198 and restripe the previously constructed lanes (north side) that will serve as westbound State Route 198.

Beginning late tonight Tuesday, November 27th into tomorrow morning Wednesday, November 28th, 2012, construction crews will begin removing barricades and signs to allow traffic onto the newly constructed eastbound State Route 198 alignment.

Work will continue for the next two weeks to complete restriping of the previously constructed lanes (north side) to convert them into westbound State Route 198. This work will limit access to most southbound service streets from westbound 198 within the project limits. Commuters are asked to pay close attention to posted signs and use alternate routes when possible.

This final phase will officially open State Route 198 between State Route 99 and State Route 43 as a four lane expressway allowing travel on two lanes in each direction.

This \$60 million dollar project converted an approximate 10 mile section of State Route 198 from a two lane conventional highway to a four lane controlled access expressway in Kings and Tulare Counties from east of State Route 43 in Hanford to west of State Route 99 near Visalia; approximately 7 miles in Kings County, with approximately 3 miles in Tulare County.

Caltrans would like to thank the residents, businesses and commuters for their patience during this improvement project.

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