

EMERGENCY BRIDGE REPLACEMENT  
PROJECT

**TAB 25**



**PARAMOUNT BLVD. OVERCROSSING  
BRIDGE ON SR-60**



**On December 14, 2011, a fuel tanker truck bursts into flames on SR-60 in the City of Montebello under the Paramount Blvd. Overcrossing bridge.**



This incident quickly became a major breaking news on all media outlets.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA -- THIS JUST IN

**Freeway explosion: Tanker truck fire damages 60 Freeway, overpass**  
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**TANKER FIRE CLOSES 60 FREEWAY IN MONTEBELLO**



Plumes of dark smoke rise from a blaze caused when a tanker truck caught fire Wednesday afternoon on the Pomona Freeway in Montebello. Crews from Montebello and the Los Angeles County Fire Department extinguished the blaze in under an hour. (Photo by Anne Donohue-Holter)

**Demolition to Begin on 60 Freeway Bridge Damaged in Tanker Fire**

The 60 Freeway closure is likely to extend into the weekend as crews repair damage caused by a tanker fire

By Jonathan Lloyd, Ted Guymard and Sean Murphy | Thursday, Dec 15, 2011 | Updated 7:02 AM PST

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**▶8.4-miles of the freeway was closed for about 3 days.**

**▶ Caltrans Hazmat crews cleaned up the accident area.**

**▶ Investigation to assess the structural integrity of the bridge started immediately.**

## RESULTS:

**Investigation determined that the bridge was compromised and it had to be demolished.**



**Caltrans Director suspended the State Contract Act by using a Director's Order authority.**

**This authority is granted to the Director by State legislation under Public Contract Code-10122.**

**Governor Jerry Brown declared state of emergency within Los Angeles County allowing Caltrans to seek federal aid.**

**Caltrans applied for Federal Highways Emergency Relief (E/R) program which was later approved by FHWA.**

**This emergency project became eligible for federal reimbursement.**

**Caltrans made this emergency project a priority and mobilized all the available resources to replace the damaged bridge in a short time by implementing emergency response procedures.**

## What Accelerated the Project ?

- **Use of a Director's Order**
- **Informal Bid procedure**
- **Incentive-Disincentive contract**
- **This emergency project was completed almost 14-month earlier than a normal project**



**In 5 months and 5 days Caltrans:**

- Demolished 250-ft X 96-ft fire-damaged bridge.**
- Designed the replacement bridge.**
- Built the new bridge and opened it to traffic on May 19, 2012.**

