



NEWS RELEASE

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ARTESIA FREEWAY (SR-91) LANE AND RAMP CLOSURES (UPDATE)

DOWNEY - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following lane and ramp closures for the first phase of the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) or carpool lane reconstruction and pavement replacement project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), from Downey Avenue in Bellflower to Atlantic Avenue in Long Beach. The following overnight closures will be in effect, weather permitting, nightly, Monday, January 9 through Thursday, January 12, for placing concrete median barriers. At least one lane will be open to traffic in each direction at all times.

Eastbound SR-91: Monday, January 9 through Thursday, January 12

- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed between the Harbor Freeway (SR-110) and the Long Beach Freeway (I-710).
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed between the northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed from I-710 to Downey Avenue.

Westbound SR-91: Monday, January 9 through Thursday, January 12

- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes closed from Lakewood Avenue to I-710.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed between the northbound and southbound I-710 connectors.
- 8 p.m. until 6 a.m. – HOV lane and up to two regular use lanes closed between I-710 and SR-110.

SR-91 is one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County and was also one of the first freeways to offer carpool lanes. As a result of heavy use, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear. New pavement will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Completion of the entire project, which covers SR-91 from Downey Avenue to Vermont Avenue, is fall 2008. Caltrans advises motorists to **“Slow For The Cone Zone.”**

