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SR-14 BALBOA BOULEVARD OFF-RAMP TO CLOSE FOR SIX MONTHS

SYLMAR/NORTH SAN FERNANDO VALLEY – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close the southbound Antelope Valley Freeway (State Route 14) off-ramp to Balboa Boulevard beginning Thursday, February 19 for approximately six months.

Warning and detour signs will be placed ahead of the closure. Caltrans is closing the off-ramp to enable construction during the current stage of a new \$161-million High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV or carpool lanes) and direct HOV lane connector project at the I-5/SR-14 interchange.

This project involves the construction of an elevated two-lane direct HOV connector at the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and State Route 14 interchange and construction of HOV lanes in both the north and south direction of I-5 at the Interchange. A direct HOV connector will allow motorists a freeway-to-freeway transfer without exiting the carpool lane.

Construction of this direct HOV connector and HOV lanes will relieve congestion, improve traffic flow, enhance safety and improve traffic operations of both freeways at the I-5/14 Interchange. This important improvement project is helping to provide motorists with a seamless carpool lane network in California.

This project is estimated to complete in the fall of 2012.

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