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Night Closures Scheduled for Westbound I-8 Connector to Northbound I-5

SAN DIEGO – Motorists are advised that two major freeway closures will take place next week on the Interstate 5 (I-5)/Interstate 8 (I-8) Connector Widening Project, according to Caltrans.

First, the connector ramp from westbound I-8 to northbound I-5 will be closed nightly for two weeks, Monday-Thursday, from 9:30 p.m.-5 a.m. beginning Monday. The closure is needed to restripe the roadway and place concrete barriers.

Detour signs will direct westbound travelers to southbound I-5 to the Old Town Avenue off-ramp and then onto northbound I-5.

The second closure will take place on the westbound I-8 connector to northbound and southbound I-5 on Wednesday from 9:30 p.m.-5 a.m. for restriping.

Westbound motorists will be detoured around the closure to exit at Sports Arena Boulevard to eastbound I-8 to southbound I-5. Drivers may continue south and exit at Old Town Avenue to access the northbound I-5 on-ramp.

Travelers are reminded to allow for extra travel time due to high traffic volumes in this area even in the evening hours.

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The I-5/I-8 Connector Project will add a lane on westbound I-8 at the connector ramp to northbound I-5, and an additional northbound lane and auxiliary lane on I-5 from the interchange north to Sea World Drive. The project is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2015.

More information about the project is available at www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/facts and at <http://www.keepsandiegomoving.com/Connectors/connectorsintroduction.aspx>.

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