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I-5 Speed Limit Reduction Will Be Enforced Beginning Sunday

SAN DIEGO — Construction crews are set to begin construction on four miles of new Carpool/HOV Lanes – one in each direction on Interstate 5 (I-5) from Palomar Airport Road in the City of Carlsbad to State Route 78 (SR 78) in the City of Oceanside.

A speed limit reduction of 55 mph will be enforced throughout the project limits on I-5. Motorists will be alerted to the change in speed limit prior to entering the construction zone, via temporary construction signage along the freeway and at every onramp. Electronic speed feedback signs will be placed at various locations along the I-5 work zone to inform the public of their speed in relation to the reduced speed limit.

Work is expected to take place in the existing median and shoulder lanes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Frequent lane or ramp closures will not be required, but intermittent single lane closures may occur.

Beginning in late October, concrete barriers will be placed along the inner shoulder to allow for construction crews to operate safely within the median.

Throughout construction, residents, businesses, and motorists can expect intermittent traffic delays, noise, dust, and heavy equipment near project areas as crews work to improve transportation choices along the corridor.

Construction crews work extremely close to fast-moving traffic and can only operate safely when reduced speed limits are followed. The reduced speed limit will allow for safer working conditions for crews and to protect drivers who should always stay alert near construction zones.

Caltrans reminds drivers to watch for highway workers and moving equipment and to always Be Work Zone Alert.

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