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SUBJECT: CRENSHAW/LAX TRANSIT PROJECT'S PUBLIC
OUTREACH EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE FULL
CLOSURE OF INTERSTATE 405

ISSUE

In late July and August 2017, Metro's contractor for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, Walsh Shea Corridor Constructors (WSCC), will be removing the temporary falsework or wood framing from a new bridge over Interstate 405 in Inglewood. The work will require multiple, nightly directional closures of Interstate 405. Given the critical nature of Interstate 405 in the regional freeway network, the closures are anticipated to have an impact on travel and mobility throughout the Westside of Los Angeles County.

BACKGROUND

Construction of Metro's Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project includes six new bridges and aerial structures along the 8.5 mile alignment. One of these bridges is a new 800' long bridge in the City of Inglewood that will carry the rail line over Hyde Park Avenue, Interstate 405, and La Cienega Boulevard. Construction on the bridge began in early 2017 and will continue through 2018. On May 13, 2017 WSCC completed the second and final concrete pour to form the bridge's superstructure.

The concrete for the bridge structure is temporarily held in place by wood framing or falsework. Once the concrete hardens, the framing is removed to reveal the concrete structure. After a cure period, WSCC will remove the wood framing from the new Interstate 405 Bridge. To maintain a safe environment for the

traveling public and construction workers, the removal of the framing will require full directional closures of Interstate 405 under the new bridge.

Removal of the framing is scheduled to begin late July and continue through mid-August. The dates for the freeway closures are tentative and subject to change based on construction and weather conditions. The closure of the freeway will take place in two phases. Each phase will close one direction of vehicle travel and take place over five nights. The **first phase** is scheduled for July 31 through August 5, 2017. During the first phase all lanes of northbound Interstate 405 will be closed between Century Boulevard and La Tijera Avenue in Inglewood. The closures will begin at approximately 10 pm Monday night with lane reductions that lead to a full freeway closure at midnight. The freeway will be reopened by 6 am on Saturday morning.

The **second phase** of the closure is tentatively scheduled for August 14 through August 19, 2017. During the second phase all lanes of southbound Interstate 405 will be closed between Florence Avenue and Manchester Avenue. The closures will be conducted in a similar fashion to the northbound closures with the freeway lanes closed on Monday night and reopening by 6 am on Saturday. Detour routes are attached. WSCC is currently working with Caltrans to finalize the permits necessary to conduct the closure. The finalized permit will include exact closure times, detour routes, signage, and public notification requirements.

Public Outreach

Metro Construction Relations and Media Relations will be implementing a comprehensive outreach program to notify the public beginning in mid-July. Metro Construction Relations will roll out a multi-channel outreach program that, among other tools, will utilize social media, print, radio and online advertisements, and blast emails. Metro Media Relations will be distributing a press release and have a media availability tentatively scheduled for July 17.

Metro Construction Relations is working closely with partner agencies including Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA), CalTrans, the City of Inglewood, and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to notify the public. The outreach program will continue through both phases of the closure and, after the closures, evaluated for effectiveness. Inquiries about the outreach program can be directed to Metro's Construction Relations team.

Public Information Materials

The project's website, www.metro.net/crenshaw, will contain closure information, including relevant fact sheets, detour maps, presentations and take ones. Closure information is also available through social media outlets, including Facebook and Twitter. WAZE, a traffic application, and Google maps will be updated with closure and detour information when the closures begin.

NEXT STEPS

Construction Relations and Media Relations will work with our media and civic partners to educate and inform the public about the closures. The outreach program will be updated and rolled out through our website, media buys, and social media.