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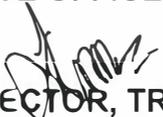
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SUBJECT: FATALITY ON I-405 SEPULVEDA PASS IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

ISSUE

This morning at around 2:15 am, a construction worker on the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project was killed during a beam loading operation. The incident took place on the south bound Santa Monica Boulevard off ramp.

BACKGROUND OR DISCUSSION

The beam loading activity underway was to support the construction of a temporary retaining wall on the exit ramp.

California Highway Patrol arrived first on scene. The site was cleared, ramps closed and an investigation started. As a partnering agency, Caltrans was also notified of the accident early this morning.

Immediately following the incident, Media Relations staff were deployed to the site to field any media inquiries related to this tragic accident and Construction Relations notified the public and offices of elected officials of freeway and street related impacts as a result of this incident. These impacts included: the closure of the south bound Santa Monica Boulevard off-ramp and closure of the southbound 405 auxiliary lane to the off-ramp. Changeable message signs on the freeway alerted drivers to exit the freeway at Wilshire or Olympic in lieu of exiting at Santa Monica Boulevard. The Los Angeles Department of Transportation was on standby and ready to deploy Traffic Control Officers to surrounding intersections in the event there was a need to manage the flow of traffic.

NEXT STEPS

Cal OSHA is on site conducting an investigation. The southbound off ramp at Santa Monica Boulevard reopened at 7:10am. Traffic Control Officers were not needed and therefore not deployed.

The project has been advised by the contractor that no further closures due to this incident are expected and will halt major construction until further notice.

The contractor has confirmed next-of-kin notification and will be releasing the name of the deceased laborer shortly.