



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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INTERSTATE 10 INCIDENT IN BANNING ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 8, extends their apologies to the motoring public for the lengthy traffic delays that were encountered on westbound Interstate 10 (I-10) in the Eastern Desert on Sunday, February 12. A construction project to rehabilitate pavement with Portland cement concrete commenced with lane closures which began on Saturday night, February 11, at 10:00 p.m. that was scheduled to last until 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 12.

The concrete being utilized to make the repairs requires four to five hours to cure before traffic can be permitted to drive on it. A break down at the nearby batch plant contributed to delays in completing project and reopening lanes before the work schedule ended at 7:00 a.m. Unfortunately, the various slabs targeted for replacement had been removed and prepared for the material before the break down at the batch plant occurred, resulting in the continued closure of lanes outside the work schedule.

Motorists expressed concern when they drove through the work zone and saw no activity by the contractor and Caltrans personnel. The crews were awaiting the delivery of the material to finish the work and then for the new pavement to set. Once the work was finally completed, all westbound lanes reopened to traffic at 9:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 12.

The Department is investigating the events that led up to the incident and again extends our sincerest apologies to all who were involved, especially the motorists who were forced to endure the lengthy back up. Measures are being taken to insure that this type of situation does not occur in the future on any state highways in the Riverside and San Bernardino area.

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