



# NEWS RELEASE

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## MOJAVE BRIDGE RETROFIT ON SR-18

**Victorville** – Caltrans will begin a project to complete one of the last bridge retrofits' in the State of California. The bridgework will take place on State Route 18 (SR-18) in Victorville on the Mojave River Bridge. The \$7.6 million project will protect the structure from catastrophic collapse in the event of a large seismic event. The work will also repave the section of roadway on SR-18 over the Mojave River Bridge, and add guardrail and a concrete median.

Some of the work will be completed in five stages with traffic control over the next several months beginning on Friday evening, March 23, 2007. The work schedule is listed below:

### **First Stage begins Friday, March 23**

#### ***Nighttime work only – one lane available in each direction during work hours***

*🚧* Duration of first stage of work - approximately two (2) weeks

Monday through Friday

*🚧* Northbound SR-18 (toward Victorville) - 8:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

*🚧* Southbound SR-18 (toward Apple Valley) - 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Saturday

*🚧* Northbound SR-18 (toward Victorville) - 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

*🚧* Southbound SR-18 (toward Apple Valley) - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Sunday

*🚧* Northbound SR-18 (toward Victorville) - 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

*🚧* Southbound SR-18 (toward Apple Valley) - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Before each stage begins a press release will detail the schedule of work (as listed above). The second stage of work will require reversible traffic control with lane closures for daytime work hours. The portion of the project that will impact traffic is expected to be complete by July 2007. The remainder of the work will take place in the river bottom and is expected to be complete in summer 2008.

For information on other Caltrans roadwork, please go to our website at [caltrans8.info](http://caltrans8.info). As soon as you see orange cones ahead, know that you are heading into the CONE ZONE. Most cone zone collisions occur without warning, before cars even reach the construction area. Most injuries and deaths in the cone zone are from rear-end collisions. Focus...don't talk on the phone or change radio stations. A quick reaction could save your life. Slow for the cone zone!

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