



# COMMUTER ALERT

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## I-10 MOTORISTS BE ADVISED OF DELAYS IN DESERT REGION!

**SAN BERNARDINO** – Caltrans, District 8 is advising motorists and event goers of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival that traffic delays are expected to be lengthy on Interstate 10 (I-10) from Beaumont to Indio Friday through Monday, April 17 to 20.

The second weekend of the Coachella Festival begins today at noon and will continue through Monday morning, April 20. Many participants camp and leave the festival late Sunday night throughout Monday, traveling mostly on westbound I-10.

Last Monday, April 13, westbound I-10 experienced a 30-mile traffic queue between Indio and Beaumont with up to four (4) hours of delay time as the result of Coachella Festival traffic leaving the Indio area. Northbound State Route 111 (SR 111) also had a traffic queue of over five (5) miles.

***Caltrans is urging the motoring public who use I-10 between Beaumont and Indio, especially westbound, to try and avoid travel Sunday afternoon, April 19, through Monday night, April 20, to avoid spending long hours in a traffic queue with very few alternate routes.***

If you must travel I-10 between Indio and Beaumont this weekend here are some helpful tips:

- Travel early in AM – before 9:00 a.m. Sunday and Monday.
- **BRING WATER!** Also bring snacks and necessary medication.
- Have a full tank of gas.
- Make sure your car is in good running condition.
- Bring a *charged* cell phone (with a car charger).
- Use the restroom before you travel between Beaumont and Indio.
- Bring patience, please.
- Follow traffic on Caltrans Quickmap <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>

Motorists can use the Caltrans Quickmap to map out the best detour route, such as SR 62 or SR 74, to avoid using I-10. Caltrans has activated the overhead Changeable Message Signs (CMS) and also contacted the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to help inform the public of impending delays this weekend. **Know before you go, check local traffic radio stations for information, or try and avoid the area if possible.** Follow us on Twitter at *caltrans8* or go to [www.caltrans8.info](http://www.caltrans8.info) and sign up for commuter alerts.

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