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Update

Summer Closure on State Route 138

San Bernardino County – Caltrans will begin the next summer closure of State Route 138 (SR-138) for the safety improvement project beginning on June 11 through September 11, 2007. SR-138 will remain closed during this period, 24 hours per day, seven (7) days a week, with **no escorts**. The closure will take place from just east of State Route 2 (SR-2) east toward Hess Rd. (between I-15 and SR-2). Two separate summer closures of sections of SR-138 were planned for 2006/2007 to expedite the work.

The contractor will complete some blasting work the first week of the closure (beginning on June 11) on SR-138 at Mormon Rock east of the full closure and just west of Lone Pine Canyon Road. This section of SR-138 will be closed intermittently during the blasting and earth removal.

Detour:

Vehicles and truckers are advised to use State Route 18 (SR-18) from I-15 as a detour to and from SR-138.

Currently, flagging continues on SR-138 from Mormon Rock west to the Los Angeles County Line, Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Night work will also take place on SR-138 Monday through Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. with flagging until the summer closure. Minor delays are expected during the traffic control.**

The contractor expects to have the project complete by the end of October 2007. The \$44 million project will make a number of improvements as follows:

- Construct east and westbound truck climbing lanes
- Rehabilitate pavement
- Widen shoulders to eight feet
- Realign curve west of Lone Pine Canyon

Motorists may sign up for updates on this project by emailing terri_kasinga@dot.ca.gov. For updates on other state highway work in Riverside and San Bernardino county, please go to our website at caltrans8.info and go to News and Documents or CT Connect. You may also call (866) 383-4631.

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