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Major Closure Scheduled for I-15 This Weekend, Motorists are Urged to Steer Clear

SAN DIEGO – Southbound Interstate 15 (I-15) motorists will be detoured around an approximately 3-mile stretch of I-15 near State Route 56 (SR-56) this weekend. The roadway will be closed for drainage improvements.

The closure will occur this Saturday, from 7 p.m. through 4 a.m. Monday, July 29 from SR-56/Ted Williams Parkway to Rancho Peñasquitos Boulevard/Poway Road.

“The public should anticipate traffic congestion and potentially lengthy delays during this closure,” Caltrans Corridor Director Gustavo Dallarda said.

The southbound I-15 Express Lanes will serve as the primary detour and will be available to all motorists at no charge. Motorists who do not use the Express Lanes will be detoured on to westbound SR-56, then south on Black Mountain Road, then left on Mercy Road, and will re-enter the southbound I-15 at the Mercy Road on-ramp. Northbound lanes on I-15 will not be affected by this closure.

“A closure of this magnitude is relatively rare, and the best thing for motorists to do is steer clear of the area completely,” Dallarda said. “As always, motorists are reminded to slow down, watch out for highway workers, and safely move over a lane when they see flashing amber lights on Caltrans or other emergency vehicles.”

The California Highway Patrol will monitor the construction zone.

Caltrans is also preparing for another major freeway closure this summer. Interstate 805 (I-805) will be closed for 7 miles in both directions on Sunday, Aug. 18 from 3 p.m. through 5 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 19, between State Route 54 and State Route 905, so crews can demolish the East Palomar Street Bridge to make way for a new Direct Access Ramp (DAR). More details on the I-805 closure will be announced later this week.

Detour routes and other construction information can be found at KeepSanDiegoMoving.com or by calling the I-15 Express Lanes project information line at (858) 668-3368.

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