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INTERSTATE 10 TEX WASH BRIDGE UPDATE

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) re-opened Interstate 10 (I-10) at Tex Wash Bridge, near Desert Center on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 12:00 noon after a severe storm caused damage to the westbound bridge and caused collapse of the eastbound bridge.

I-10 was closed in both directions for five days as Caltrans and Granite Construction crews worked around the clock to strengthen the westbound bridge in order to allow two-way traffic through the site. Caltrans used 1,400 truckloads of fill dirt and 2,500 tons of asphalt concrete to construct temporary crossover lanes—one lane in each direction.

Now that the westbound bridge is open and being used by traffic for both directions of travel, work is being performed on the eastbound bridge to get I-10 fully operational. Work on this bridge consists of complete demolition of the existing eastbound bridge and replacement utilizing accelerated bridge construction techniques. Channel work including placement of rock slope protection to protect the bridges will also be performed. Project cost is currently estimated at \$5 million. The completion goal of the new bridge is late September 2015.

Caltrans thanks the motoring public for their patience during the unexpected roadwork and asks for continued support during the re-construction of the eastbound bridge span. The speed limit has been reduced to 45 miles per hour within the construction zone. Please be aware of the work and [**SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!**](#)

Those with scheduled permit loads should contact Caltrans Transportation Permit Office at (916) 322-1297 or their permit service company, as the temporary route configuration may affect load transportation.

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