



# Commuter Alert

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## LEAVE EARLY OR LEAVE LATE

**Mountain Pass** – As part of the active Interstate 15 Truck Descending Lane Project, the California Department of Transportation in coordination with the California Highway Patrol, will be closing northbound Interstate 15 to conduct blasting operations near the Mountain Pass. These closures will take place every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** beginning August 11 and will continue for approximately ten weeks.

The blasts will take place between Bailey and Nipton Road. The closures will allow for safe blasting and removal of earth material necessary to accommodate the addition of a new truck descending lane on the northbound direction.

**Northbound** closures will take place at Baker and Bailey Road exit from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Motorists are encouraged to wait it out in Baker where comfortable facilities are available.

The southbound Express lane that is directly adjacent to northbound lanes will close as early as 9:00 a.m. to allow for staging and equipment for the blasting operation. It will open with the northbound lanes by approximately 11:30 a.m.

**Southbound** Motorist will experience a short-term closure of I-15 before Bailey Road from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 10:30 a.m. Southbound Interstate 15 travelers have the option to divert off the freeway at Primm, Nevada until the work activity is complete. Various services, including gas and food, are available at this location.

Motorists are advised to plan ahead and avoid traveling through the Mountain Pass area during the early morning hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning mid-August 2009. This closure method will be in place **EVERY WEEK** (weather permitting).





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