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BRIDGE WORK UNDERWAY ON INTERSTATE 40

SAN BERNARDINO – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) began a \$25 million project in early August to replace three bridges on Interstate 40 (I-40) near Essex. The bridges being replaced are Haller Wash, Rojo Wash, and Clipper Valley Wash and are approximately twenty miles east of Kelbaker Road to Essex Road, between post miles 94.7 and 99.7.

The bridge work required the contractor to shift traffic in two (2) locations of the project limits to the opposing direction of travel, similar to the temporary traffic configuration on Interstate 10 (I-10) at Tex Wash which was washed out on July 19. The eastbound I-40 traffic is being diverted to the westbound I-40 roadbed with one lane in each direction. The travel lanes are separated by channelizers and k-rail depending on the location.

The two traffic shifts will be in place until early 2016 at which point they will be removed and additional traffic shifts will be installed to allow the bridge work to continue.

Motorists are advised to reduce their speed in the work zone, have patience, and pay close attention to other motorists – in front, behind, and in the opposing lane. Please check for traffic conditions on the radio or go to Caltrans Quick Map at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/> before you travel on I-40 or I-10 to avoid delays – especially on weekends.

If you have an oversized or overweight load that may require a permit to travel on I-40, first contact the Caltrans Transportation Permit Office at (916) 322-1297 or your permit service company, as the temporary route configuration may affect load transportation.

For information on other projects follow Caltrans District 8 on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/Caltrans8>. View traffic conditions at <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov>.



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