



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

U.S. 101 55 - HOUR CLOSURE FOR REALIGNMENT PROJECT

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will close various southbound U.S. 101 lanes from SR-110 to Mission Road for up to 55 hours September 30 through October 3 as part of a realignment project in coordination with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the City of Los Angeles. Two lanes will remain open daily and one lane nightly, except for a full closure 1 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sunday morning, October 2. A signed detour will be in place to assist motorists. All closures are weather permitting and are as follows:

Friday, September 30, through Sunday, October 2:

- 10 p.m. through 1 a.m. – up to three lanes southbound U.S.101 from SR-110 to Mission Road.

Friday, September 30, through Monday, October 3:

- 9 p.m. through 5 a.m.– southbound off-ramps at Broadway and Alameda Streets
- 9 p.m. through 5 a.m.– southbound on-ramps at Temple Avenue, Vignes and Los Angeles Streets
- 10 p.m. through 6 a.m. – north- and southbound connectors to southbound U.S. 101

Sunday October 2:

- 1 a.m. until 8 a.m. (same day) – **All southbound U.S. 101 lanes from SR-110 to Mission Road**

Sunday, October 2, through Monday, October 3:

- 8 a.m. through 6 a.m. – up to three lanes southbound U.S. 101 from SR-110 to Mission Road.

Monday, October 3:

- 8 a.m. – **new on-ramp at southbound U.S. 101 will open at Alameda Street**

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U.S. 101 55 Hour Closures

The \$24.5 million project will realign the freeway for easier transitioning through the area, replace on- and off-ramps at Hewitt and Vignes Streets with new ramps at Garey Street, construct a bridge over the US-101 and Commercial Street connecting Union Station in preparation for the future Gold Line Eastside extension. Improvements to Commercial Street, which parallels the southbound US-101 will also be made. Construction is estimated for completion in winter 2006/2007. Please Slow for the Cone Zone.

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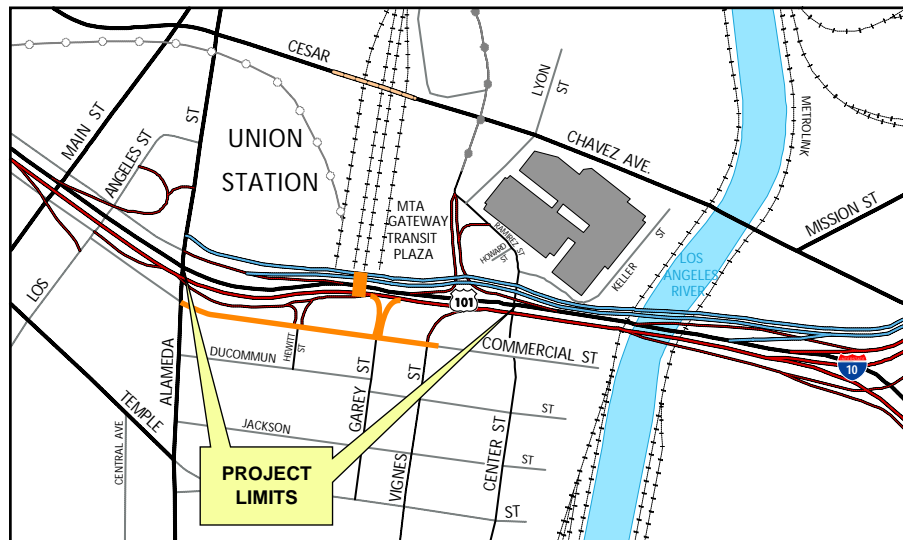


INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

U.S. - REALIGNMENT PROJECT

**ROADWORK
AHEAD**

Overview: The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in coordination with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the City of Los Angeles will begin construction on the southbound U.S.-101 between Alameda Street and Vignes Street. The project will realign the freeway and make various improvements to accommodate the future Metro Goldline Eastside light rail extension.



What the Work Involves:

- Realign the U.S.-101 at this location for easier transitioning through the area.
- New ramps at Garey Street will replace on- and off-ramps at Hewitt and Center Streets
- Construction of a bridge over the U.S.-101 connecting Union Station, in preparation of the future Goldline Eastside extension.
- Improvements to Commercial Street, which parallels the southbound U.S.-101.

Benefits: The present freeway configuration requires heavy weaving for motorists entering and exiting one of the area's busiest routes. The U.S.-101 realignment project will accommodate more efficient movement of traffic.

What to expect: Much of the work will be performed at night. Lane and ramp closures, as well as a minimum of one 55-hour weekend freeway closure is expected. However, day, evening and weekend work may be necessary. Permanent ramp closures will occur. Detours will be provided to assist motorists. Caltrans will make every effort to minimize the project impact on the public as we work to improve mobility in the area.

Total Cost: \$24.5 million funded through the Regional Improvement Program, Proposition C and the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Construction Schedule:

Start – Fall, 2004

Finish – Winter, 2006/2007

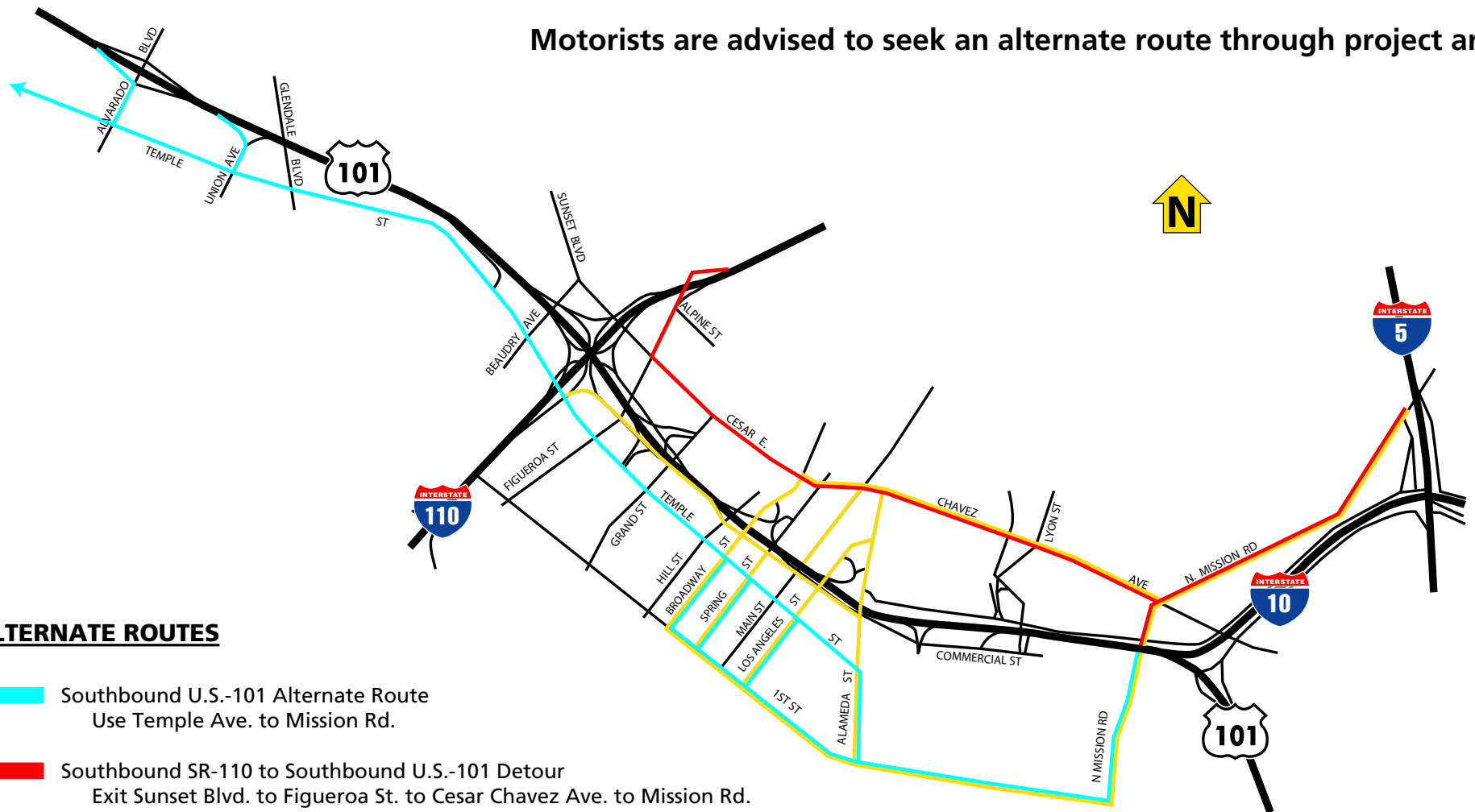
For more information call the Caltrans Public Affairs Office at 213 897-3656



SOUTHBOUND HOLLYWOOD FREEWAY (U.S. 101) 55 HOUR CLOSURE DETOUR SCHEDULE

Friday, September 30, 2005 through Monday, October 3, 2005

Motorists are advised to seek an alternate route through project area.



ALTERNATE ROUTES

- Southbound U.S.-101 Alternate Route
Use Temple Ave. to Mission Rd.
- Southbound SR-110 to Southbound U.S.-101 Detour
Exit Sunset Blvd. to Figueroa St. to Cesar Chavez Ave. to Mission Rd.
- Northbound SR-110 to Southbound U.S.-101 Detour options
Exit Broadway St.
 - Left to Cesar Chavez Ave. to Mission Rd.
 - Aliso St. to First St. to Mission Rd.
 - Right to First St. to Mission Rd.



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