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CENTURY BLVD BRIDGE DEMOLITION JULY 25 - 28



Crenshaw/LAX
Transit Project

Construction Q&A

When will the closure happen?

The closures will begin at 9pm on Friday, July 25 and will end at 6am on Monday, July 28, 2014. The demolition will close Century Blvd at the intersection of Aviation Blvd.

Why is the bridge being demolished?

The demolition of the Century Blvd Bridge is part of the ongoing design/build effort for the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project, which will allow for construction of the airport segment transit line and station at the Century Blvd crossing.

Why schedule the demolition on this busy summer travel weekend?

To move and/or postpone this activity further would impact and delay the overall project schedule. In light of the schedule, Metro and its partners are getting the word out weeks in advance.

What will be done with the concrete and steel that is taken down?

The demolition debris including concrete, steel, etc., will be stockpiled near the demolition area to be transported to a recycling site, or be used at the project site in accordance to the contract requirements. Some of the materials may be used on the job site if they meet the requirements of the project specifications.

What happens if the public doesn't cooperate? How much traffic delay could ensue?

In order to minimize any potential bottlenecks, Traffic Control Officers will be deployed along Century Blvd at designated locations to assist with diverting traffic and to keep motorists from entering the construction area. Electronic signs will also be employed to aid with shifting motorists to adjacent streets. Anyone heading to Los Angeles International Airport should expect significant delays and should plan accordingly.

How many vehicles go through the Century/Aviation intersection on a typical summer weekend?

Century Blvd is one of the primary access roads to the airport and handles a large amount of traffic in and out of the airport. According to Los Angeles Department of Transportation, this intersection averages over 92,800 motorists daily.

What are the detours people should take?

Detours require taking La Cienega Blvd to Manchester Av and then returning to Century Blvd.

How much extra time will the public need to reach the airport throughout detour?

Travelers going to the airport should allow an extra hour to allow for ground transportation delays.

How much traffic must be diverted to avoid bottlenecks?

All Century Blvd traffic will be diverted, since this is a full closure for two days.

What does the demolition job entail?

After the intersection is closed, a pile of soil will be placed on the roadway to protect the street from the falling concrete. Once this is placed, an excavator with a hoe ram attached will pick apart the bridge, and its pieces will fall onto the pile of soil.

Will the contractor get a bonus for finishing early?

No.

How many lanes will remain open on Century Blvd westbound and eastbound after the demo takes place? And for how long?

Two lanes of traffic will remain open each-way for approximately 16 months.

What is the goal of the project for this?

A new bridge and station will be completed at this location.

What type of work will be done?

The old rail bridge over Century Blvd will be demolished to make way for the Crenshaw/LAX Line's Aviation/Century station.

How will the bridge be demolished?

The metal segments of the bridge will be cut apart and removed, transported to a yard and later hauled away. Concrete sections of the bridge will be pounded apart and also hauled away to be sorted in a yard. Workers will remove 8,000 cubic yards of concrete and metal. This material will be reused. For example, the concrete will be reused as a base for Los Angeles roadways. To protect the surface of Century Blvd under the bridge, tons of soil will be placed under the bridge to catch any falling debris.

Will there be closures of the I-405 and adjacent streets?

There will be no closures of the I-405. Because of the closure of the Century Blvd and Aviation Blvd intersection, motorists will need to detour around the intersection. For westbound traffic on Century Blvd heading to the airport, motorists can head northbound on La Cienega Blvd and turn left onto Manchester Av; then turn left and proceed south to Century Blvd. By making a right turn, motorists will enter the airport. To travel eastbound from the airport, motorists should make a left-hand turn at Airport Blvd and proceed to Manchester Av; motorists then turn right and proceed eastbound to La Cienega Blvd; with a right-hand turn, motorists will proceed southbound to Century Blvd.

Will local access to adjacent businesses be maintained?

Local access will be maintained to businesses.

What other areas will be impacted?

Manchester Av and La Cienega Blvd may be more crowded than usual as they will serve as the detours during the weekend.

What safety measures will be used?

During preparation for the demolition, K-rail will be placed on Century Blvd and Aviation Blvd. Street closures will be placed during demolition to protect the public from any falling debris.

Who can I contact for more information?

The public can contact Metro Community Relations at 213.922.2736 or via e-mail at crenshawcorridor@metro.net.

Updates will also be available at metro.net/crenshaw, which reflect all closures, dates and detours related to this activity. In addition to the website, information is on Facebook and Twitter.

What will the new bridge look like?

The reconstructed Century Blvd will have one rail line in each direction, rather than just one rail line. The rebuilt bridge will form part of the Century Blvd/Aviation Blvd aerial station of the Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project. The bridge will be built to the latest seismic standards. Besides being wider—to accommodate the extra rail line—the new bridge will resemble the old bridge.

Crenshaw/LAX Transit Project Map Full Closure of Century/Aviation Intersection July 25-28



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