

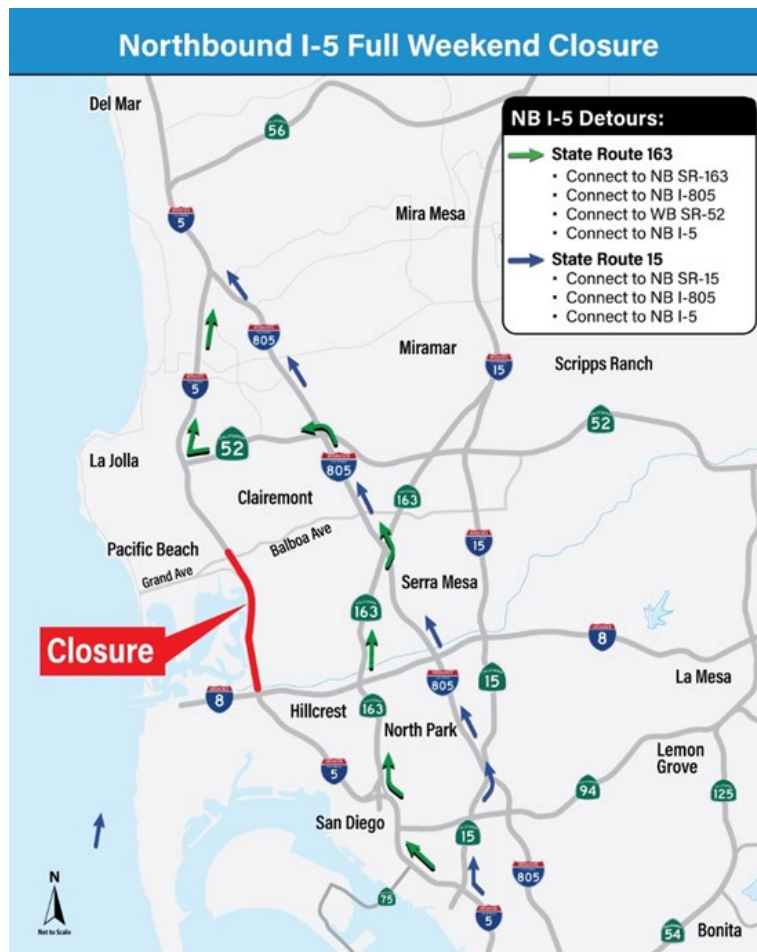
News Release

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Northbound I-5 Closed September 26 to 29 Full Freeway Closure from I-8 to Mission Bay Drive

SAN DIEGO — The Caltrans [I-5 Asset Management Project](#) team will close all lanes of northbound Interstate 5 (I-5) from Interstate 8 (I-8) to Mission Bay Drive starting Friday, September 26 at 9:00 p.m. to Monday, September 29 at 5:00 a.m. to conduct roadwork and culvert replacement.



Northbound I-5 motorists are advised to take alternate routes like State Route 163 (SR-163) or State Route 15 (SR-15) and Interstate 805 (I-805) past I-8 to connect to I-5. Northbound I-5 motorists traveling past SR-163 will be detoured to westbound or eastbound I-8.

The Moore Street onramp to northbound I-5 in Old Town will be closed to limit the amount of traffic detoured to I-8. Onramps at Camino Del Rio West in the Sport Arena Area and Sea World Drive/Tecolote Road, and Clairemont Drive will also be closed. The northbound I-5 onramp from Mission Bay Drive will remain open.

Portable changeable message signs will be placed along the routes advising of the closure and suggesting alternate routes.

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Businesses near Damon Avenue should anticipate construction noise and lighting during the closure.

TRANSIT

All northbound Metropolitan Transit Service bus routes to La Jolla and University Town Center (UTC) will be running as usual. Bus route 30 travels from Old Town to La Jolla and will use a slight detour while route 105 travels from Old Town to UTC and will not be impacted. Parking is available at the Old Town and Balboa Avenue stations. Blue Line Trolley service will remain available as an alternative to travel from Old Town to all points north.

MEDIA

Interviews are available in person or virtually upon request in lieu of a News Conference at the District Office.

This is the second of several full freeway closures for the I-5 Asset Management Project.

The I-5 Asset Management Project will ensure that the southern a segment of I-5 remains in a state of good repair while improving ride quality, and reducing maintenance needs in the cities of San Diego, Chula Vista, and National City from Camino De La Plaza to 0.3 just south of Via De La Valle. This important effort is focused on preserving existing infrastructure, improving safety, and modernizing the corridor to meet current and future transportation needs.

The project will rehabilitate pavement along the main roadway, shoulders, and freeway ramps to extend the service life of the existing pavement. Beyond resurfacing, the project incorporates a broad range of upgrades to improve performance, safety, and environmental conservation.

The total project cost is \$113,745,800 and is funded by the State Highway Operation Protection Program with \$102,618,300 in Federal funds and \$11,127,500 in State Funds SB1 funds. This project is part of \$1.6 billion worth of work in San Diego County and a segment of the [\\$623 million investment](#) to improve safety and infrastructure on I-5, I-805 and SR-78.

The work schedule is subject to change due to weather, traffic incidents, or other construction considerations.

For real-time traffic information including traffic speed, lane, and road closures due to construction and maintenance activities, and more, go to <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov/>.

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