



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

UPDATE
TRAFFIC ADVISORY
STATE ROUTE 99 TO STATE ROUTE 140/ NEAR 16TH STREET
IN MERCED COUNTY

Merced County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is scheduled to reopen the northbound off-ramp from State Route 99 (SR-99) to SR-140/ near 16th Street by mid-October.

The off-ramp was closed for bridge replacement and was anticipated to reopen on Sunday, September 16, 2012; however, the closure has been extended while work continues on this ramp to ensure the safety of workers and motorists.

Motorists should expect 5 minute delays. Alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

Caltrans apologizes for the delay in the reopening of the off-ramp but the work is necessary in order to complete the SR-99 East Merced Overhead Project.

This \$32.4 million project will replace the bridge decks on the 15th Street Undercrossing and the East Merced Overhead Structures. This will also bring the bridge widths and bridge rails to current standards, provide standard shoulder widths, upgrade the existing guard rails and bridge approach rails. Construction began on June 11, 2012, and the project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2016.

This work is scheduled to begin as listed, but is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/ or materials and construction related issues.

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For the safety of workers and other motorists, please Slow For the Cone Zone.

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