



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **FULL HIGHWAY CLOSURE STATE ROUTE 99 FROM STATE ROUTE 59/140 (V STREET) TO BLACK RASCAL BRIDGE IN MERCED COUNTY**

**Merced County** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will alternately close southbound and northbound State Route 99 (SR-99) from SR-59/140 (V Street) to Black Rascal Bridge (just past 16<sup>th</sup> Street) for bridge work. Work will occur as follows:

- Crews will close northbound SR-99 from SR-59/140 (V Street) to Black Rascal Bridge (just past 16<sup>th</sup> Street) beginning Monday, August 19, 2013, through Friday, August 23, 2013, from 6:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.;
- Crews will close southbound SR-99 from SR-59/140 (V Street) to Black Rascal Bridge (just past 16<sup>th</sup> Street) beginning Monday, August 19, 2013, through Friday, August 23, 2013, from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m.;
- The #1 (left) and #2 (right) lanes on northbound SR-99 from SR-59/140 (V Street) to Black Rascal Bridge (just past 16<sup>th</sup> Street) will alternately close beginning Monday, August 19, 2013, at 8:00 a.m., through Friday, August 23, 2013, until 6:00 a.m.;
- The #1 (left) and #2 (right) lanes on southbound SR-99 from SR-59/140 (V Street) to Black Rascal Bridge (just past 16<sup>th</sup> Street) will alternately close beginning Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at 8:00 a.m., through Wednesday, August 21, 2013, until 6:00 a.m.;
- The northbound and southbound on-ramps from 16<sup>th</sup> Street to SR-99 will alternately close beginning Monday, August 19, 2013, through Friday, August 23, 2013, from 7:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. (*The southbound on-ramp will be available for motorists to use when crews close northbound SR-99; and the northbound on-ramp will be available for motorists to use when crews close southbound SR-99.*)

Motorists should expect 15 minute delays. A signed detour is in place and alternate routes should be taken whenever possible.

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## DETOUR:

### Southbound -

- Take 16<sup>th</sup> Street Exit and stay on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to SR-59 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way);
- Turn right at SR-59 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way);
- Turn left at 13<sup>th</sup> Street;
- Enter the southbound on-ramp to SR-99.

### Northbound -

- Take exit at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (SR-59);
- Turn right on Martin Luther King, Jr. Way (SR-59);
- Go to 16<sup>th</sup> Street and turn left;
- Follow the on-ramp direction to northbound SR-99.

Construction 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.

The \$34.6 million project will replace the West Merced Overhead structures located on SR-99 in Merced County just north of the V Street Undercrossing to the Black Rascal Bridge. The West Merced Overhead Project will correct structural deficiencies for these bridges; bring the sight distance up to standard, and provide the vertical and horizontal clearances required by the railroad; retaining walls will be built to preserve the existing right-of-way; the two Bear Creek Bridges will be seismically retrofitted; and six Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts will be constructed adjacent to the shoulder within the project limits. This American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded project began on November 6, 2009, and is expected to be completed in August of 2013.

Caltrans would like to thank the traveling public for their cooperation and patience during this project.

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

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