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Highway 60 Median Closure

Beaumont, CA— Construction on the Potrero Interchange over State Route 60 (SR60) will begin with the permanent closure of the center median at Western Knolls.

A temporary closure of the #1 lane in both the east and west bound traffic lanes of SR60 will take place on Monday, March 5th at 10:00 p.m. to Tuesday, March 6th at 7:00 a.m. weather permitting. The temporary lane closure will allow the project contractor, Ortiz Enterprises, to install k-rail barriers for the permanent median closure. Motorists can expect delays as highway traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction during the installation.

After the median closure, local area businesses will be accessible by right turns only. To access a business on the opposing side of SR60, drivers are able to utilize Jack Rabbit Trail and the 6th Street exit to transition. The closure of the median will improve traffic safety by eliminating the at-grade crossing which has a history of traffic accidents.

Additional information regarding the Potrero Interchange is available www.ci.beaumont.ca.us/potrero or by calling the project hotline at 1.877.635.5200

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Beaumont's Potrero Boulevard Interchange project for State Route 60 will improve safety and air quality, ease congestion, and create thousands of new jobs by unlocking 2,000 acres for commercial and industrial building. The partial cloverleaf interchange located approximately one mile west of the I-10 and State Route 60 junction will improve traffic safety by upgrading a two-mile stretch of the busy highway in western Riverside County to freeway status. Turning this segment of the regional highway into a freeway system will help reduce traffic congestion in the Inland Empire from the San Geronio Pass to the Hemet-San Jacinto area and on to French Valley near Temecula.