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City comes up with quick fixes to address Fix I-5 traffic on surface streets

Given the unexpected traffic volume heading north on 16th Street/Highway 160 during afternoon commute times as a result of the Fix I-5 project, the Department of Transportation and Sacramento Police have taken immediate steps to manage the trouble spots.

The 16th Street corridor experienced heavy delays Monday because motorists apparently did not realize that the L and I Street on-ramps to northbound I-5 are open and traffic is flowing well. Vehicles wanting to turn left from 16th to Richards Boulevard over-filled the left hand turn pocket and backed up through traffic. Motorists experienced one-hour travel times between W Street and Richards Boulevard, with back-ups spilling onto many of the side streets.

Traffic tools to improve mobility along 16th Street between the peak-commute hours of 3 to 6:30 p.m. during the northbound I-5 closures this week and again between June 27 and July 2 include:

- ◆ Restricting left-hand turns from 16th Street northbound onto Richards Boulevard Restricting left-hand turns from Richards Boulevard to northbound 16th Street.
- ◆ Implementing a detour plan to Sproule Avenue and North B Street.
- ◆ Restricting through traffic from southbound Sunbeam Avenue to eastbound Sproule Avenue. Drivers will be directed to southbound 12th Street to eastbound North B Street.
- ◆ Adding detour signage for traffic approaching SR160 from northbound 7th Street and eastbound Richards Boulevard, to reduce the number of cars heading eastbound on Sproule Avenue approaching the 16th Street intersection.
- ◆ Deploying police to provide traffic control at several intersections.
- ◆ Making many signal timing adjustments to the 16th Street and adjacent corridors.

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Overall, 16th Street operated without any significant delays as a result of this plan during Tuesday afternoon's commute until traffic associated with events at the Memorial Auditorium at 5:30pm led to delays.

The City will be closely monitoring all changes this evening and making any necessary adjustments.

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