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Traffic Alert

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City works with Caltrans to manage traffic volume on Richards Boulevard during southbound I-5 closures

City also puts plans in place for expected heavy traffic on inbound 12th Street

Caltrans' contractor C. C. Myers is implementing some traffic restrictions along Richards Boulevard in anticipation of heavier than normal volumes of traffic exiting I-5 during the two upcoming southbound closures. Additionally, during peak traffic periods, the Sacramento Police Department will be monitoring traffic and providing assistance as needed.

The traffic restrictions include no left turns onto Bercut Drive from Richards Boulevard and no left turns or through traffic from Bercut Drive. Drivers will be detoured via signage to north 3rd Street. The City also approved a dual left turn onto Richards Boulevard from the I-5 exit ramp to help keep traffic flowing to downtown.

The traffic controls will be in place during the two Fix I-5 southbound closures, Friday, June 13 – 8 p.m. through Monday, June 23 – 5 a.m. and again on Tuesday, July 8 – 8 p.m. through Tuesday, July 15 – 5 a.m.

Both the Richards Boulevard and J Street southbound exits will be open, however the Q Street southbound exit will be closed. All northbound I-5 entrances and exits will be open during the southbound closures.

The City's Department of Transportation also anticipates heavier than normal traffic during the morning rush hours on City arterial and collector streets that feed into SR-160 and southbound 12th Street. The department and police will be monitoring traffic and assisting with traffic controls where necessary.

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Drivers are encouraged to use their best judgment when choosing an alternative route. As with the northbound closure, drivers during peak times faced heavier delays on surface streets than on I-5. Flexing schedules, carpooling, public transit and bicycling are also highly encouraged.

For more information on the project schedule, visit the Caltrans webpage, www.fixI-5.com. For information on impacts to City streets, please visit www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation or call the City Operator at 311.

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