



## Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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### **Weeknight Closure of Pico Avenue Exit from Southbound 710 Fwy Begins April 14**

#### **Road Widening Needed in Advance of Long-term Traffic Detour**

LONG BEACH, Calif. (April 8, 2014) – The Pico Avenue exit from the southbound I-710 Freeway will close Monday through Thursday nights starting April 14 for two weeks, to allow for widening of the off-ramp. Widening of the Pico off-ramp is needed because

southbound Pico in this area will serve as a primary detour route for a long-term closure of the connector that carries vehicles from the southbound I-710 Freeway to points west across the Gerald Desmond Bridge. The long-term closure is expected later this spring.



Nightly closures of the Pico exit from southbound I-710 begin at 8 p.m. with the off-ramp re-opening by 6 a.m. the following day. The work occurs Monday through Thursday nights over two weeks: April 14-17 and again from April 21-24.

Alternate I-710 Freeway exits during these nightly closures include the Anaheim Street (west) exit to 9th Street south to reach Pico, or farther south on I-710 (Harbor Scenic Drive) by turning right at Harbor Plaza-Piers F-G to reach Pico.

The southbound I-710 Freeway connector that carries truckers and other motorists to Terminal Island and points beyond is scheduled to close in late spring so it can be demolished as part of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project. When the connector closes, southbound traffic will

be briefly diverted from the I-710 Freeway onto southbound Pico, then to an on-ramp that rejoins westbound Ocean Boulevard to cross the Gerald Desmond.

The public is encouraged to sign up at [newgdbridge.com](http://newgdbridge.com) for the Port's weekly traffic alerts, and to download the bridge app to their mobile phones. To get the app, search "LB Bridge" in the App Store, Google Play and Windows.

The \$1.2 billion Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project will construct a landmark span in the Port of Long Beach, with a deck rising 205 feet above water and two towers reaching 515 feet into the sky.

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