



Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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Important Road Closure Information

Southbound I-710 Connector to Westbound Ocean Boulevard

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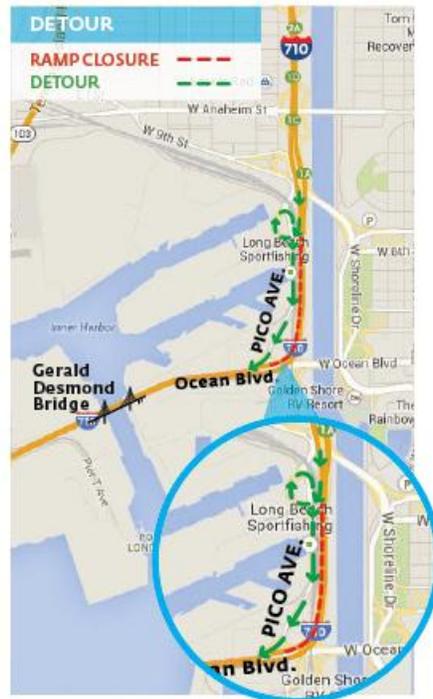
You are receiving this email as a courtesy from the Port of Long Beach regarding an upcoming road closure that is part of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project. If you would like to receive weekly updates about the bridge project, please sign up [here](#).

What: The connector ramp from the southbound I-710 freeway to westbound Ocean Boulevard is scheduled to close. Traffic will be detoured around the closure.

When: The closure is expected to begin in late Spring 2014. Once an exact date is set we will update you and other stakeholders through email, the web, Emodal and more. To stay up to date on construction activity and lane closures, please sign up to receive weekly updates [here](#).

Duration: About 30 months

Detour: Traffic traveling from southbound I-710 and heading to Terminal Island and beyond (Port of Long Beach, San Pedro) will be diverted briefly onto surface streets. Motorists will take the Pico Avenue off-ramp (Piers B, C,



D, E) and remain in the right lane to reach southbound Pico Avenue. Continue south on Pico for approximately one-half mile to the on-ramp for westbound Ocean Boulevard and the existing Gerald Desmond Bridge to reach Terminal Island and other westbound destinations (on-ramp indicating "Piers S T/Terminal Island"). Detour signs will be posted.

About the bridge project:

The [Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project](#) is one of the biggest construction projects in California and one of the largest bridge projects in the nation. Multiple crews will construct more than 300 steel and concrete underground piles that serve as the foundation of the bridge and ramp connectors, followed by construction of about 70 above-ground columns and two 515-foot-tall towers, and then the massive bridge deck will be built.

The new bridge is being built immediately adjacent to the existing bridge and in the middle of one of the busiest harbors in the world – that means construction will occur in a very tight footprint. Some of the first steps include removing ramps that stand in the way of new foundations and realigning some existing roads.

It will take at least two years to build the new bridge as well as the new ramps and roads that will connect to the I-710 Freeway and Ocean Boulevard. The long-term closure of the connector from southbound I-710 to westbound Ocean Boulevard is needed to build new interchanges in that area.

Thank you for your patience during construction of this vital infrastructure project.

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