



Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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Long-Term Ocean Blvd. Closure Starts Jan. 27

Eastbound motorists diverted at Pico Ave. for bridge construction

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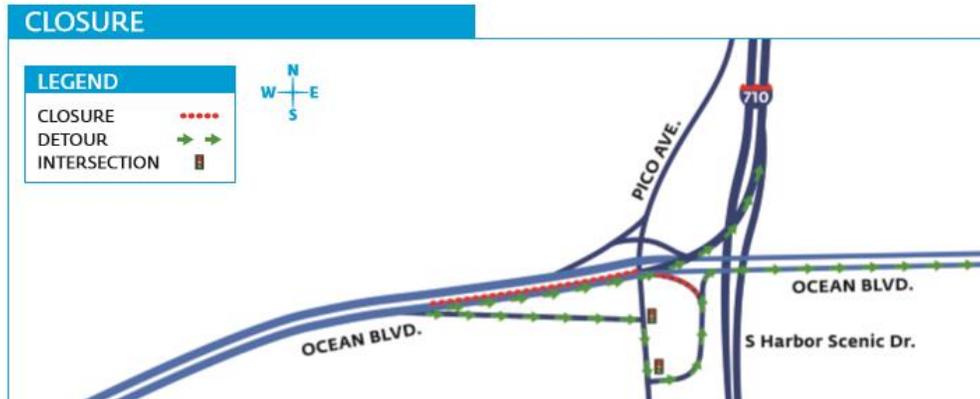
As part of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, eastbound Ocean Boulevard between the Desmond Bridge and downtown Long Beach will be closed for up to 36 months starting Wednesday, Jan. 27. Through traffic will take a short detour using Pico Avenue to rejoin Ocean Boulevard into downtown.

A temporary overnight closure of eastbound Ocean Boulevard from SR-47 to Golden Shore will take place from 9 p.m. Jan. 26 to 5 a.m. Jan. 27 to prepare the roadway for the long-term detour. Eastbound traffic will be detoured to northbound SR-47.

In addition, there will be an overnight detour for traffic using westbound Ocean Boulevard from Golden Shore. From 9 p.m. Jan. 26 to 5 a.m. Jan. 27, all westbound traffic will be diverted to Pico Avenue. Motorists will be able to rejoin westbound Ocean using the on-ramp from Pico.

For the long-term eastbound Ocean detour starting Jan. 27, commuters heading to downtown Long Beach from the Gerald Desmond Bridge will exit Ocean Boulevard to Pico Avenue and rejoin Ocean via two signalized intersections, dedicated turn lanes and a newly striped two-lane on-ramp. Diverting eastbound traffic allows westbound Ocean to remain open during construction.

The northbound Long Beach (710) Freeway connector will remain open until further notice during the long-term closure of eastbound Ocean.



When completed in 2018, the new bridge will include six traffic lanes and four emergency shoulders, a higher clearance to accommodate new generations of cargo ships, and the Mark Bixby Memorial Bicycle and Pedestrian Path with scenic overlooks.

The replacement project allows the Gerald Desmond Bridge to remain in use while the new bridge is under construction. The bridge project is a joint effort of Caltrans and the Port, with funding support from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

Closure dates and times are subject to change due to weather or construction delays. Visit www.newgdbridge.com for the latest and to watch construction live via webcams. Get up-to-the-minute information via the "LB Bridge" app available for Apple, Android and Windows mobile devices. Find the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

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