



New Ocean Boulevard Roadway To Debut

Terminal Island Project to Speed Commutes Between Long Beach, San Pedro

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Driving between Long Beach and San Pedro will become a lot easier on Monday, March 26, thanks to a \$65 million Port project to improve Ocean Boulevard at Terminal Island. The new roadway is set to open at 5 a.m. Monday after two years of construction.

The new, raised, freeway-like roadway eliminates two traffic signals and allows east-west traffic to move nonstop between the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Navy Way.

“This project will have significant, immediate benefits for the community by easing traffic flow through Terminal Island,” said Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. “Commuters who drive between Long Beach and San Pedro will see a major traffic improvement.”

The Ocean Boulevard and Terminal Island (47) Freeway interchange project will also improve regional air quality by reducing vehicle idling at two former Terminal Island traffic signals – at Ocean and the Terminal Island Freeway, and Ocean and Pier S Avenue.

The centerpiece of the project is a new, raised Ocean Boulevard. Ocean Boulevard was raised nearly 20 feet so that east-west traffic can travel non-stop. As of Monday, local access to Terminal Island facilities from Ocean Boulevard will be via on- and off-ramps. The interchange is used by nearly 50,000 drivers a day.

The agencies involved in funding the project include the Port, the U.S. Department of Transportation, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro). The prime contractor is Ortiz Enterprises. The construction manager is Jacobs Engineering.

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