



News Release

Portion of Edison Avenue Closed for Safety

Alternate routes take motorists around railroad crossing

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A 200-foot section of Edison Avenue between Ninth and Pier B streets was permanently closed to public traffic as of Monday, December 15, to eliminate a safety hazard to motorists caused by the street-level railroad crossing.

Emergency vehicles are still able to access the closed roadway via a special gate.

The roadway closure was approved by the Long Beach City Council and the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Motorists are using the crossings at Pico Avenue and at Anaheim Way to navigate around the section of Edison Avenue that has been closed.

The closed section of Edison is crossed by three street-level railroad tracks. Prior to closure, it had the eighth-highest accident rate of the 965 at-grade freight rail crossings in Los Angeles County.

Closure of this section of Edison will allow trains to move more quickly through the Harbor District, reducing delays at nearby crossings.