



Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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Weekend Closure to Affect 710 Route to Queen Mary Area

Southbound Harbor Scenic closed 6 p.m. Friday, 5/23 to 6 a.m.

Tuesday, 5/27

May 21, 2014

A short-term closure Memorial Day weekend of southbound Harbor Scenic Drive at the southbound I-710 (Long Beach) Freeway will require travelers headed to Queen Mary-area destinations, including the Carnival cruise terminal, south waterfront hotels and the Port of Long Beach Piers F-J, to take alternate routes.

Southbound Harbor Scenic Drive at the southbound 710 Freeway is scheduled to close at 6 p.m. Friday, May 23, and reopen by 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 27, for construction related to the Port's Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project.



Access to downtown Long Beach via the 710 Freeway at 6th Street, Broadway and Shoreline Drive will not be affected by the closure.

To access Piers F-J during the Memorial Day weekend, the detour route is

the 710 Freeway onto southbound Pico Avenue to Harbor Plaza West. Long Beach visitors heading via the 710 Freeway to the Queen Mary, cruise terminal and hotels are encouraged to use the "Downtown Long Beach" exit and Shoreline Drive to Queensway.

The closure is necessary during a freeway connector demolition over southbound Harbor Scenic Drive. Demolition of the 710 Freeway/Ocean Boulevard connector ramp is necessary to clear the way for the construction of the foundations of the new bridge replacing the existing Gerald Desmond, and to build a new southbound 710 Freeway connector ramp. The new bridge will be constructed just north of the existing structure.

Demolition of the connector began May 12 and is scheduled to continue through mid-July. A few other localized road closures will occur during the demolition. The public is encouraged to sign up at www.newgdbridge.com for weekly traffic alerts and download the "LB Bridge" mobile app from the App Store, Google Play or the Windows Store. The alerts and app inform motorists about construction-related detours and provide project updates.

The closure of the connector will last 30 months. Southbound 710 traffic heading to Terminal Island and the San Pedro area is being diverted briefly onto southbound Pico Avenue, then to an on-ramp that joins westbound Ocean Boulevard to cross the Gerald Desmond Bridge. Road improvements along the detour route have helped to accommodate traffic in the area.

More information and larger detour maps:

- [Downtown Long Beach detour](#)
- [Port traffic detour](#)

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