



Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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Long-Term Ocean Blvd. Closure Begins in January **Eastbound motorists diverted at Pico Ave. for bridge construction**

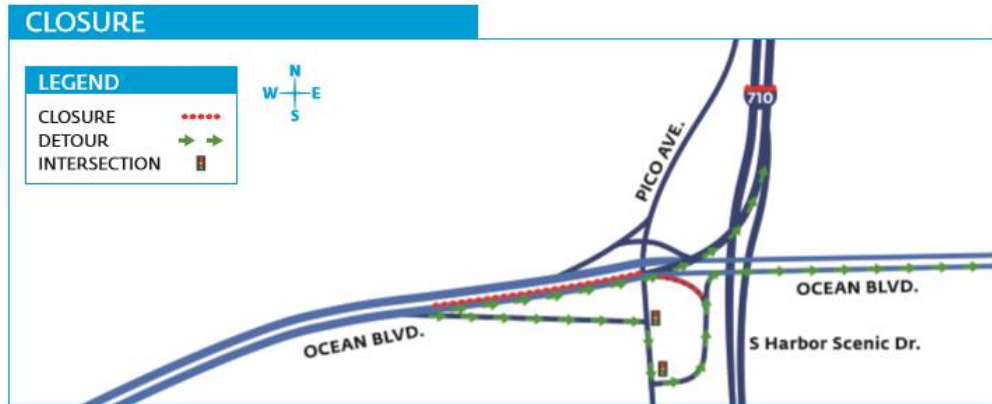
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As part of the Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project, eastbound Ocean Boulevard between the Desmond Bridge and downtown Long Beach will be closed for up to 36 months starting Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2016. Through traffic will be detoured.

A temporary, overnight closure of the eastbound Gerald Desmond Bridge from SR-47 to Golden Shore will take place starting at 10 p.m. Jan. 18, to prepare the roadway for the long-term detour.

For the long-term detour starting Jan. 19, vehicles heading to downtown Long Beach from the Gerald Desmond Bridge will briefly exit Ocean Boulevard to Pico Avenue and immediately rejoin Ocean via an on-ramp. Westbound Ocean Boulevard will remain open.

Signalized intersections and improvements to on- and off-ramps will help traffic flow and reduce delays. 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).

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