



Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project

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Westbound Desmond Bridge Closed this Weekend

Span shut Friday night to Monday morning, June 23-26

June 21, 2017

The westbound side of the Gerald Desmond Bridge in Long Beach will close for a full weekend, Friday night, June 23, to Monday morning, June 26, and motorists should plan ahead to take alternate routes.

There are options to reach San Pedro and the rest of the South Bay area from the Long Beach area, such as Anaheim Street, Pacific Coast Highway and the 405 Freeway.

Pico Avenue, a main route for Port of Long Beach traffic, should be avoided by anyone not trying to reach locations in the Port and Harbor District.



Drivers heading west from downtown Long Beach should take either the 710 North or other northbound thoroughfares and then head west to avoid the Desmond Bridge area.

Motorists heading south on the 710 will need to exit to an alternate route well before Pico, to avoid traffic snarls.

The westbound direction of the Desmond Bridge will be closed from Pico Avenue. The ramp from downtown Long Beach to westbound Ocean Boulevard to Pico will still be open, however the on-ramps to the westbound bridge will be closed. Those who do not need to reach Pico should avoid the area this weekend.

Meanwhile, traffic on the eastbound side of the bridge will be detoured to the exit at State Route 47, and will be able to immediately rejoin the eastbound bridge via the Pier T on-ramp.

A ramp from Pier T to westbound Ocean Boulevard will also be closed for the weekend. Vehicles on Pier T trying to head west toward San Pedro will need to detour to the eastbound bridge to the northbound 710 to westbound Anaheim Street to southbound SR-47.

The temporary, weekend closures are due to ongoing construction of the replacement for the Gerald Desmond Bridge. The westbound direction of the new bridge is expected to open in late 2018, and the full bridge is scheduled to be completed 12 months after that.

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