



REMINDER: Weekend Construction to Close Ocean Boulevard
No Through Traffic Across Terminal Island

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If you're going to be driving between San Pedro and downtown Long Beach during this weekend, give yourself a little extra time. As part of a \$65 million Ocean Boulevard construction project, a key interchange at the center of Terminal Island will be shut down from 7 p.m. Friday, January 19, until 5 a.m. Monday, January 22. Throughout the weekend, motorists driving between downtown Long Beach and San Pedro are advised to take Anaheim Street or Pacific Coast Highway.

The Ocean Boulevard and Terminal Island (47) Freeway interchange, which is used by nearly 50,000 drivers a day, will be closed for the weekend while construction crews re-connect newly reconstructed eastbound traffic lanes from a detour road back onto Ocean Boulevard.

During the weekend interchange closure:

- The only access to Total Terminals International's container terminal and Pier T Avenue will be via the I-710 and the Gerald Desmond Bridge.
- The only access to Yusen Terminal's facility and New Dock Street will be via the Commodore Heim Bridge.
- The only access to Sea Launch, Piers 300 and 400, the federal prison on Terminal Island, the Evergreen terminal, and Seaside Avenue in the Port of Los Angeles will be via the Vincent Thomas Bridge.

When leaving Terminal Island, motorists and truckers can only return in the same direction from which they came. They cannot continue across Terminal Island.

Once the weekend work is completed, eastbound Ocean Boulevard traffic will be routed through a new interchange that has eliminated traffic lights between Navy Way and the Gerald Desmond Bridge. Westbound Ocean Boulevard traffic will continue to use the detour road until June, when the entire interchange project is scheduled to be completed.

The Ocean Boulevard/Terminal Island Freeway interchange program will ease congestion and improve air quality by eliminating two Terminal Island traffic signals – at Ocean and the TI Freeway, and Ocean and Pier S Avenue. Ocean Boulevard is being raised nearly 20 feet so that east-west traffic can travel non-stop between the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Navy Way. Local access to Terminal Island facilities from Ocean Boulevard will be via on- and off-ramps.

The agencies involved in funding the project include the U.S. Department of Transportation, California Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, as well as the Port of Long Beach. The prime contractor is Ortiz Enterprises. The construction manager is Jacobs Engineering.

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