



CONSTRUCTION & ROAD CLOSURE ALERT

STATE ROUTE 180 LANE SHIFTS BEGIN WEEK OF JUNE 18, 2017



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FRESNO, Calif. – During the week of June 18, 2017, all eastbound traffic on State Route 180 (SR 180) will be shifted south as the high-speed rail project enters into Stage 2 of the Fresno Trench project. This stage of work will include the construction of a new temporary bridge. Once eastbound lanes have been shifted, all westbound traffic will be shifted back onto the westbound lanes using a temporary bridge. During this stage of work, contractor Tutor-Perini/Zachry/Parsons (TPZP) will continue excavation activities for the foundation of the trench beneath SR 180. Stage 2 will last approximately four months.

The 40-foot trench currently under construction will span approximately two miles and will allow high-speed trains to pass under SR 180 and other existing structures. Construction work of the Fresno Trench will be conducted in five stages and will impact SR 180 traffic between State Route 99 and State Route 41.

Stage 2: Starting Sunday, June 18, 2017 at 5:00 a.m., all eastbound traffic will be shifted south as crews begin construction of a temporary bridge. Later in the week, all westbound traffic will be shifted north onto a temporary bridge, back onto the westbound lanes. During this time, construction crews will continue work on the foundation of the Fresno Trench beneath SR 180.



Stage 3: All eastbound traffic will be shifted north onto a temporary bridge near the eastbound lanes of SR 180. During this stage of work, crews will complete the excavation activities and begin construction of a concrete box beneath the highway. Once the concrete box is complete, TPZP will backfill the box and repave the eastbound lanes of SR 180. This stage will last approximately nine months.



In February 2016, construction crews began work at the Fresno Trench near Thorne and H streets with the excavation of dirt needed to construct the foundations. When completed, the trench will start between Olive and Belmont Avenues and run approximately two miles to Stanislaus Street in Fresno. Constructing the rail line underground eliminates the need for high-speed trains to cross roads and highways, providing a much safer mode of travel. In total, the California High-Speed Rail program will eliminate 20 at-grade crossings between Madera and Fresno.

There are currently eleven active construction sites within Construction Package 1 (CP 1) – the first 32-mile stretch of high-speed rail between Avenue 19 in Madera County to East American Avenue in Fresno County.

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