

I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project

Sunset Bridge Demolition and Reconstruction Fact Sheet



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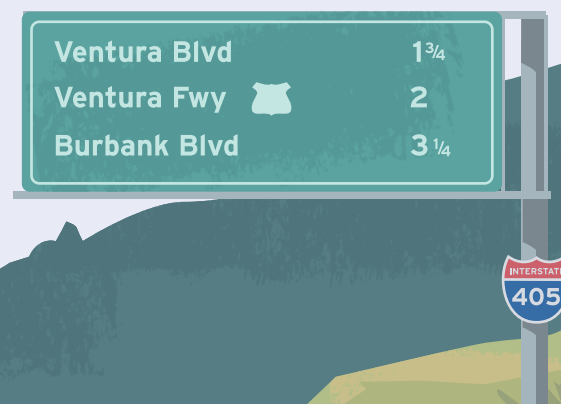
Freeway improvements are in the works.

To reduce congestion, improve mobility and increase safety, the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Widening Project will add a high-occupancy vehicle lane, standardize traffic lanes and improve on- and off-ramps along a 10-mile-long stretch of the freeway between the I-10 (Santa Monica Freeway) and U.S. 101 (Ventura Freeway).

Widening this crucial but congested highway requires rebuilding three overpasses: Sunset Bl, Skirball Center Dr, and Mulholland Dr. Each of these overpasses will feature its improvements.

For example, the upgraded Sunset Bl Bridge would feature:

- > Higher capacity on- and off-ramps
- > Seismic upgrades
- > Four-foot-wide road shoulders in each direction
- > Five-foot-wide sidewalks in each direction
- > Thirteen-foot-wide center median



Frequently Asked Questions

What work will be done?

The Contractor will demolish and reconstruct the Sunset Bridge. The demolition will be staged, allowing the southern end of the Sunset Bridge to be demolished during a nine-night period, followed by approximately 10 months of bridge reconstruction. Then, the northern end of the Sunset Bridge will be demolished and reconstructed.

What does bridge demolition preparation consist of?

Prior to demolition, vegetation around the bridge will be removed, traffic will be reconfigured, and the work zone will be separated from the traffic with concrete barriers. We will also protect an existing water line, place bridge support beams and remove existing wood from inside the bridge.

When will work begin and end?

Bridge demolition will likely start mid-May 2010. Bridge reconstruction will last approximately 10 months for the southern segment and then 10 months for the northern segment of the bridge.

What time will crews be working?

At times, crews will be working 24 hours a day, seven days a week during both the demolition and reconstruction of the Sunset Bridge.

Will there be closures of the I-405, adjacent streets and the actual Sunset Bridge?

Yes. During the demolition, you can anticipate closures of the I-405 in each direction, adjacent streets and the Sunset Bridge itself. These closures will take place during the first six nights of demolition. The Sunset Bridge will also be closed intermittently during reconstruction. The closures are needed to protect the public. Once the demolition is complete, the bridge reconstruction continues for approximately 10 months.

Will local access be impacted?

Yes, but only during demolition. The I-405 Freeway will be closed continuously for four nights. Detailed information, including detour routes, will be available at metro.net/405 prior to work starting.

What other areas will be impacted?

Temporary full closures of ramps and closures of Sepulveda Bl between Bronwood Av and Sepulveda Wy and on Sunset Bl between Gunston Dr and Thurston Av.

The I-405 and Sepulveda Bl will not be closed at the same time.

Will the Sunset Bridge be open to traffic during reconstruction?

Yes. The contractor will maintain two lanes of traffic in each direction across the Sunset Bridge. There may be night hours when traffic on the bridge will be restricted.

Is the I-405 Project coordinating its work with other projects near the freeway?

Yes, the project team continually coordinates with the City of Los Angeles and its departments to minimize impact on other projects and traffic flow through the Sepulveda Pass.

In particular, the project will widen north Church Ln to minimize the impact of the Department of Water and Power work to update water mains (referred to as Project 29) on south Church Ln.

What safety measures will be used?

During preparation for the demolition, k-rail will be placed on Sunset Bl, I-405 Freeway and on Sepulveda Bl to protect the public and the construction crews during reconstruction. Freeway and street closures will be implemented during bridge demolition to protect the public from any falling debris.

Who can I contact regarding this fact sheet?

You may contact Metro Community Relations at 213.922.3665 or via e-mail at I405@metro.net. Updates will also be available at metro.net/405 that reflect all closures, dates and detours related to this activity. In addition to the website, you can find information on Facebook, Twitter and Nixle. Free accounts can be opened at twitter.com and nixle.com.

What will the new bridge look like?

The reconstructed Sunset Bridge will have three lanes in the westbound direction, three lanes in the eastbound direction and two lanes devoted to eastbound Sunset Bl on-ramp traffic to northbound I-405.

How to reach us and stay involved

Do you have a question about the freeway improvements, want more information or wish to be added to our mailing list? Here's how you can reach us:

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You can also leave your questions or comments on our project phone line by calling **213.922.3665**. Phone messages are retrieved at least once every business day.

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