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## Overnight Closures of I-805 at East Palomar Street Scheduled to Begin Tuesday

SAN DIEGO – Interstate 805 (I-805) will be closed overnight between East Orange Avenue and Telegraph Canyon Road to accommodate the removal of falsework – the temporary supports for bridge construction – at East Palomar Street in Chula Vista.

All southbound I-805 lanes will be closed between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the evenings of Sept. 2, 4, 7, 8, and 9. Northbound lanes will remain open during this time.

All northbound I-805 lanes will be closed between 8 p.m. and 4 a.m. on the evenings of Sept. 3, 10, 11, 14, and 15. Southbound lanes will remain open during this time.

Travelers are urged to avoid the area or take alternate routes. Motorists will be detoured via Telegraph Canyon Road, Medical Center Drive, Brandywine Avenue, and Olympic Parkway. Trucks will be detoured away from local neighborhoods via Interstate 5 (I-5). Residents adjacent to I-805 at East Palomar Street can expect construction noise and lights overnight during these closures.

The falsework being removed was put in place in December 2013 to accommodate construction of the new East Palomar Street Bridge and Direct Access Ramp to the I-805 carpool lanes that opened in March.

The work is part of first phase of the I-805 South Express Lanes Project, a \$1.1 billion effort to create a modern new transportation backbone for South County. The first phase included construction of one carpool lane in each direction between East Naples Street in Chula Vista and State Route 94 in San Diego. It also constructed 10 sound walls. In addition, I-805 will be widened in National City to add a northbound auxiliary lane from State Route 54 (SR 54) to Plaza Boulevard and a southbound through lane at Plaza Boulevard. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in spring 2015.

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