

I-405 Improvement Project

Westminster Boulevard Bridge

Frequently Asked Questions

What's involved in constructing the new Westminster Boulevard bridge?

The bridge is being reconstructed in two phases, allowing it to remain open to traffic during construction. Traffic will be shifted onto the new bridge, so the second half can be demolished and reconstructed.

How long will it take to reconstruct the bridge?

It will take approximately 16 months to complete phase two of the new Westminster Boulevard bridge.

How much wider will the new Westminster Boulevard bridge be?

The new bridge will be 123 feet wide, approximately 15 feet wider than the existing bridge.

What will be the height of the new bridges?

The height of the new bridge will be about 26 feet; approximately 4 feet higher than the existing bridge.

How many lanes will the new Westminster Boulevard bridge have?

The new bridge will have six lanes, the same number of through-lanes as the existing bridge; however, a sidewalk will be added on the westbound side of the bridge and new bike lanes are being added to both sides of the bridge.

Will any changes be made to the Willow Lane off-ramp?

Yes. The northbound I-405 off-ramp to Willow Lane is being relocated to the loop off-ramp, which is being reconfigured to three lanes. The new loop off-ramp will connect to Westminster Boulevard via a new traffic signal. This change is to improve traffic operations at the interchange.

When will the second half of the Westminster Boulevard bridge be demolished?

Demolition of the second half of the Westminster Boulevard bridge is scheduled for late January to early February. The bridge and I-405 are expected to be closed for this work. Motorists are encouraged to use the project interactive map, octa.net/405map, for approved detours.

How many lanes will be open to motorists on Westminster Boulevard during construction?

There will be two lanes in each direction on Westminster Boulevard between Springdale Street and Willow Lane.

What about pedestrians and bicyclists?

Pedestrian access will be maintained on the eastbound side of the Westminster Boulevard bridge. Bicyclists will share the roadway.

Will neighborhoods and businesses near the bridge be accessible?

Yes, residential and business access will always be maintained.

What are the hours of construction activities?

In general, the contractor works two shifts, Monday through Saturday – a day shift from approximately 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a night shift from approximately 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. While much of the work will take place during the day, some activities, such as placing temporary barriers, striping lanes, shifting traffic and demolishing the bridge, must be done at night for safety reasons.



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Other nighttime activities include placing and excavating dirt fill for the bridge abutments (the concrete structures supporting each side of the bridge). This work requires closing lanes on the freeway, which Caltrans only allows at night because of the impact on traffic. All activities that require freeway lane closures typically will be conducted at night.

What should the neighborhood expect during demolition?

Demolition of the bridge spans typically occurs across two weekends, one night per weekend. This activity is done at night to allow the contractor to close the freeway below the bridge demolition. The bridge columns and abutments are typically demolished on weekdays, during the day and at night.

Demolition will include the use of equipment to break up concrete, metal workers removing rebar, and excavators, bulldozers and trucks to remove rubble. Water trucks will be on-site to keep dust to a minimum, as required. Additionally, crews haul demolished material to a nearby crusher yard to further break down materials. Please be advised that these activities may be loud.

Will noise levels be monitored?

Yes. Caltrans standards will be enforced. Residents may hear back-up alarms and noise from other construction activities. The alarms are required for employee safety purposes by state regulation on all construction equipment in use. The sound level must be audible for 200 feet and distinguishable from the surrounding noise.

Have surrounding residents and businesses been notified?

Yes. Residents and businesses were notified via email, flyer distribution, automated phone calls and text alerts, and on social media and the project website.

How will the neighborhood be notified of upcoming activities?

Flyers will be delivered approximately one week prior to all major activities, such as demolition and pile driving. In addition, the 405 Community Outreach Team notifies residents, businesses and motorists of all activities via weekly email and text alerts, through automated phone calls, on the project website and via social media. Sign up to receive alerts regarding the Westminster Blvd. bridge by visiting bit.ly/405-signup.

Whom should residents contact if they have questions or concerns?

Contact the Community Outreach Team by emailing 405project@octa.net, or by calling the project helplines. For **English**, call **888-400-8994**; para **Español**, llame al **888-400-8994**; Đối với **Tiếng Việt**, gọi **888-662-6569**. You may also message us on social media.

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