



**Metro**



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**I-5 Empire Interchange Opening and  
Burbank Boulevard I-5 Ramp Closures Starting in September**

**WHAT:** Beginning in September 2019, the I-5 Empire Avenue Interchange in Burbank will open and three I-5 ramps at Burbank Boulevard will close: (1) The northbound I-5 loop off-ramp to westbound Burbank Boulevard, (2) The southbound I-5 off-ramp to Burbank Boulevard, and (3) The westbound Burbank Boulevard loop on-ramp to southbound I-5.

**WHEN:** Mid-to-late September 2019

**DETOURS:** When the ramps close, the I-5 Empire Avenue Interchange should be used:



**For the NB I-5 loop off-ramp to WB Burbank Boulevard:** Continue north on I-5 and exit at Empire Avenue/San Fernando Boulevard; turn right and take San Fernando Boulevard; turn right on Burbank Boulevard

**For the SB I-5 off-ramp to Burbank Boulevard:** Drivers may: (1) Exit at Empire Avenue; turn right on Empire Avenue; turn right on Lincoln Street; turn right on Victory Place and continue to Burbank Boulevard  
OR  
(2) Exit at Empire Avenue; turn left and take San Fernando Boulevard to Burbank Boulevard  
OR  
(3) Exit at Verdugo Avenue; turn right and take Front Street to Burbank Boulevard

**For the WB Burbank Boulevard loop on-ramp to SB I-5:** Use the SB I-5 on-ramp at Empire Avenue or the SB I-5 on-ramp at Verdugo Avenue/Front Street

**About I-5 / Empire Project:**

These closures are part of the construction of I-5 improvements between Buena Vista Street and Magnolia Boulevard, including carpool lanes on I-5; the new Empire Interchange; elevated railroad tracks to eliminate the street-level rail crossing on Buena Vista Street at San Fernando Boulevard; reconstruction of the Burbank Boulevard bridge; realignment of ramps; and replacement of concrete pavement in both directions of I-5. The project's expected completion date is in 2021.