



## **CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS STAFF REPORT**

**Meeting Date:** July 7, 2011  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Pamela Mottice Muller, Director of Emergency Management  
**Subject:** 405 Closure  
**Attachments:** 1. I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvement Project Fact Sheet  
2. Cal Trans Closure Map

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### **INTRODUCTION**

The 405 freeway will be closed, due to construction, from the I-10 to the I-101 for 53 hours on July 15 at 7:00 pm to July 18 at 6:00 am. This is expected to cause extreme traffic conditions to the area, especially the Westside. Traffic is expected to be significant throughout Beverly Hills and residents are asked to stay home during that weekend. Coordinated emergency plans are being developed.

### **DISCUSSION**

Construction crews for the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project plan to demolish half the Mulholland Bridge in the Sepulveda Pass of Los Angeles in order to build a new, widened bridge, and a major carpool lane. The construction activity is part of a \$1 billion capital improvement project for the I-405 freeway.

Therefore to accommodate the construction, the 405 freeway will close from July 15 through July 18. Beginning on Friday, July 15, ramps along the 10 mile closure will begin to shut down as early as 7 p.m. and the closure of freeway lanes will begin at 10 p.m. The freeway is expected to be totally closed by midnight. The closure will continue until 5 a.m. Monday morning, July 18. Ramps and connectors are expected to be reopened by 6 a.m. During this closure, the Mulholland Bridge, I-405 freeway and access ramps will be closed.

Motorists will be diverted at I-10 Northbound and I-101 Southbound. Sepulveda Boulevard will be open but intended as only an alternate route for local resident access. The detour diverts motorist on freeways around the closure but it is predicted that motorists will use canyons roads such as Benedict, Coldwater, and

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Laurel Canyons. Traffic conditions on local streets and freeways within the region of Los Angeles County and beyond are expected to be severe, with significant, multi-hour delays. The City of Beverly Hills can expect heavy traffic throughout the weekend. The City's road construction on the Benedict Canyon scheduled to start on July 5<sup>th</sup> will cease during this weekend.

Cal Trans has an extensive awareness campaign reaching from Oregon to San Diego to notify motorists to stay away from these areas during that weekend.

Another extended freeway closure period will be required for the second phase of work approximately one year later.

Additional information including detour maps can be found by going to: <http://www.metro.net/projects/l-405/>

City departments are preparing for the weekend. The Police Department has the operational response lead. Communications is in charge of the outreach to both employees and the public. All departments are working on contingency plans.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Costs should be minimal. There may be overtime which will be paid from department budgets. If the opportunity allows, the City will seek to recoup costs from the federal government or from Cal Trans.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Please advise family, friends and the Community to minimize travel as much as possible during this weekend.

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Pamela Mottice Muller *PAM*

# **Attachment 1**

# I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project

## Mulholland Dr Bridge Demolition and Reconstruction Fact Sheet

### Freeway improvements are in the works.

To reduce congestion, improve mobility and increase safety, the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements 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 US 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 own improvements. For example, the upgraded Mulholland Dr Bridge would feature:

- > Widened bridge
- > Widened sidewalks along bridge
- > Widened center bridge median
- > Designed to latest seismic code

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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Burbank Blvd	3 1/4



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# Frequently Asked Questions

**What work will be done?**

The Contractor will demolish and reconstruct the Mulholland Dr Bridge. The demolition will be staged, allowing the southern half of the Mulholland Dr Bridge to be demolished July 16 and 17, followed by approximately eleven months of south side bridge reconstruction. Then, the northern half of the Mulholland Dr Bridge will be demolished and reconstructed.

**What does bridge demolition preparation consist of?**

Prior to demolition, traffic will be reconfigured, traffic signals and signs will be relocated, and the work zone will be separated from the traffic with concrete barriers. A construction work zone and yard will be established near the bridge. Existing wood from inside the bridge will be removed.

**When will work begin and end?**

Bridge demolition will occur July 16 and 17. Bridge reconstruction will last approximately eleven months for the southern half and then eleven months for the northern half 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 Mulholland Dr Bridge.

**Will there be closures of the I-405 and the actual Mulholland Dr Bridge?**

Yes. During the demolition, you can anticipate closures of the I-405 in both directions and the Mulholland Dr Bridge itself. Northbound I-405 will be closed between I-10 and US 101. Southbound I-405 will be closed between US 101 and the Getty Center Dr ramps. These closures will take place during an entire weekend of demolition. The Mulholland Dr 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 eleven months.

**Will local access be impacted?**

Yes, but only during demolition and occasionally during reconstruction. The I-405 Freeway will be closed in both the north and south directions for an entire weekend July 16 and 17. Detailed information, including detour and alternate routes, will be available at [metro.net/405](http://metro.net/405) prior to work starting.

**Will there be other expected impacts?**

The reduction of traffic lanes on the bridge during construction will result in a reduction of lane capacity on the bridge.

**Will the Mulholland Dr Bridge be open to traffic during reconstruction?**

Yes. The Contractor will maintain one lane of traffic in each direction across the Mulholland Dr Bridge. Occasionally 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.

Bridge and freeway closures will be coordinated with emergency responders. Access for emergency responders will be maintained at all times throughout the demolition and reconstruction of the Mulholland Dr Bridge.

**What safety measures will be used?**

During preparation for the demolition, k-rail (concrete barriers) will be placed on Mulholland Dr Bridge to protect the public and the construction crews during reconstruction. Full freeway closures in both the north and south directions 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](mailto:I405@metro.net). Updates will be available at [metro.net/405](http://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](http://Twitter.com), [Facebook.com](http://Facebook.com) and [Nixle.com](http://Nixle.com).

**What will the new bridge look like?**

The reconstructed Mulholland Dr Bridge will be widened, lengthened, and look similar to the existing bridge.

# **Attachment 2**



I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project | Attachment 3B – REGIONAL ALTERNATE ROUTES

