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Hello,

The slide of the Northbound bridge was successfully completed last weekend, three hours ahead of schedule. While the contractor will continue to work on the Northbound bridge (rubbing and grinding barriers on the edge of the bridge; forming and pouring tops of wingwalls), most of the work activity in the upcoming week will be focused on getting the **Southbound bridge ready to slide the weekend of September 18-21.**

Work on the Southbound bridge will include:

- placing slider beams and supports in front of the abutments
- striping backwall, bottom of bridge deck and overhangs above US Route 5
- prepping bridge deck, bridge seats and approach slab haunches for slide
- performing trial slide of new bridge.

On I-91 motorists can expect one-lane traffic while the contractor drills holes through the existing Southbound bridge for use in demolition of the bridge deck. One lane-traffic will also be in effect on the I-91 Northbound bridge throughout the week.

During the day traffic will need to be stopped on Route 5 throughout the week when doing the trial slide of the bridge and when working directly overhead on the new and existing bridges. Stoppages will be limited to 10 minutes from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. It is highly recommended that motorists avoid the construction area and seek alternate routes during the time when alternating/stopped traffic occurs during the day. During long periods of alternating one way traffic or traffic stoppage the temporary signals will be put on flash and manned by uniformed police officers. If necessary to keep the off ramps from backing up to I-91, motorist may be motioned by the officers to find an alternate route.

Labor Day weekend schedule: There will be no work on the project that effects traffic from noon on Friday 09/04/15 to 6:00 AM on Tuesday 09/08/15 during the holiday weekend. Also, There will be no night work in the upcoming week. Night work will resume on Sunday 09/13/15 to begin removing part of the Southbound bridge in preparation for the bridge slide.

Closure period for I-91 Southbound bridge slide will be from Friday 09/18/15 at 6:00 PM to Monday 09/21/15 at 6:00 AM.

Video of Northbound bridge slide: VTrans recorded the slide and will make it available to the public. An estimated time for release is not known yet.



Removing the existing bridge required the construction crew to work on different sections of the bridge simultaneously. Teams of sawcutters removed concrete from the center of the bridge while heavy equipment operations broke up and removed concrete and rebar from each end. Bridge removal began at 6 p.m. and took over 18 hours whereas the bridge was moved into place in about 5 hours.





PCL worker wiping the surface of the slide beam, making sure there is no friction to slow the slide.

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