



CONSTRUCTION & ROAD CLOSURE ALERT

STATE ROUTE 180 LANE SHIFTS BEGIN

WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2017



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FRESNO, Calif. – During the week of December 12, 2017, all eastbound traffic on State Route 180 (SR 180) will be shifted north onto a temporary bridge as high-speed rail construction enters Stage 3 of the Fresno Trench project. During this stage of work, contractor Tutor-Perini/Zachry/Parsons (TPZP) will continue excavation for the foundation of the trench beneath SR 180 and begin the construction of a concrete box under the highway. Once the concrete box has been completed, all eastbound traffic will be shifted off the temporary bridge and back to its regular lanes. Stage 3 will last approximately nine months.

The 40-foot deep trench currently under construction will span approximately one mile and will allow high-speed trains to pass under SR 180, a rail spur and a canal. Construction of the Fresno Trench will be conducted in five stages and will impact SR 180 traffic between State Route 99 and State Route 41.

Stage 3: Starting Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:00 a.m., all eastbound traffic will be shifted north onto a temporary bridge. During this stage of work, crews will complete the excavation activities and begin construction of a concrete box beneath the highway. Once the concrete box is complete, TPZP will backfill the box and repave the eastbound lanes of SR 180. This stage will last approximately nine months.



Stage 4: All eastbound traffic will be shifted south onto newly paved lanes. Remaining excavation will be backfilled and westbound SR 180 lanes will be repaved. Stage 4 will last approximately eight months.



In February 2016, construction crews began work at the Fresno Trench near Thorne and H streets with the excavation of dirt needed to construct the foundations. When completed, the trench will start between Olive and Belmont Avenues and run approximately two miles to Stanislaus Street in Fresno. Constructing the rail line underground eliminates the need for high-speed trains to cross roads and highways, providing a much safer mode of travel. In total, the California High-Speed Rail program will eliminate 20 at-grade crossings between Madera and Fresno.

There are currently seventeen active construction sites within Construction Package 1 (CP 1) – the first 32-mile stretch of high-speed rail between Avenue 19 in Madera County to East American Avenue in Fresno County.

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