

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Work Starts Today on Route 60 Truck Lanes Project in "Badlands" Area

Work began June 10 to widen 4.5 miles of State Route 60 from Gilman Springs Road to 1.4 miles west of Jack Rabbit Trail within the "Badlands" area of unincorporated Riverside County. The Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is adding truck lanes in both directions and other features to enhance safety and reduce traffic congestion.

Today, crews are placing fencing and project information signs, including 55 mile-perhour reduced speed limit signs within the construction zone. Motorists should drive carefully, watch for workers and equipment, allow extra travel time, note that traffic fines are doubled within the project limits, and refer to posted Construction Updates and social media for information.

Nighttime lane closures will occur this week to allow crews to remove the center barrier, place construction k-rail, and restripe lanes. This week's lane closures include:

- Wednesday and Thursday nights, June 12-13, 9 p.m. to 6 a.m., alternating closures for eastbound and westbound travel
- Friday night, June 14, 11 p.m. to 6 a.m., eastbound travel
- Friday night, June 14, 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., westbound travel

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From late July to December 2019, crews will close one westbound lane on Route 60 within the project limits. The lane closure is needed to provide space for construction equipment and to ensure the safety of crews and travelers through the area.

RCTC will host an open house on June 12 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cottonwood Golf Center, 13671 Frederick St., Moreno Valley. The meeting will not feature a formal presentation; instead, community members will be able to talk one-on-one with project team members. RCTC hosted a similar open house on June 5 in Beaumont.

Motorists are encouraged to register to receive weekly Construction Updates by visiting rctc.org/60truck lanes, or emailing <u>60trucklanes@rctc.org</u>. For more information, visit <u>rctc.org/60trucklanes</u> or @60TruckLanes on social media.