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One Westbound Lane to be Closed for Six Months for Route 60 Truck Lanes Construction in “Badlands”

Expect significant delays, allow extra time and avoid the area by using Interstate 10 during the upcoming closure of one westbound lane on State Route 60 in Riverside County’s Badlands, starting the night of August 22.

The single lane closure will be in effect 24/7 for approximately six months as part of the Riverside County Transportation Commission’s Route 60 Truck Lanes Project. The closure will cover the full project area – 4.5 miles from Gilman Springs Road to 1.4 miles west of Jack Rabbit Trail – between Moreno Valley and Beaumont.

Closing the westbound lane will create safer conditions for drivers and construction crews and will save time. Originally planned as a 3.5 year project, the lane closure will save a year of construction time and allow the project to be completed in about 2.5 years.

“This project focuses on safety,” said RCTC Chair and County Supervisor Chuck Washington. “Closing this lane makes sense for us to deliver the project safer and faster. Please check traffic conditions before you leave home, be alert in construction areas, and use I-10 as a detour route,” he said.

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During the closure, RCTC will be operating Freeway Service Patrol roving tow trucks to help stranded motorists. Eastbound Route 60 will remain open, but nighttime lane closures will occur.

This six-month westbound single lane closure is separate from the weekend closures that are occurring for the Caltrans “60 Swarm” projects between Riverside and Chino.

RCTC began construction in June to add truck lanes in both directions, widen shoulders, flatten roadway curves and increase the height of the center barrier. The new lanes are expected to open in late 2021.

Weather and other factors may affect construction and the lane closure schedule. Register to receive construction updates by visiting rctc.org/60trucklanes, emailing 60trucklanes@rctc.org, following @60TruckLanes on social media, or calling 866-413-6060. Calls made to the helpline will be returned within one business day.

Videos, detour maps, and a fact sheet about the six-month lane closure are available for download from the “Six-Month Lane Closure” section of the [webpage](#).