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Weekend Closure of Route 60 through Badlands Area Set for Aug. 7-10

Drivers planning to use Route 60 through Riverside County's Badlands should make other plans or allow extra travel time the weekend of August 7-10. A full closure of the westbound lanes will take place between Gilman Springs Road and the Interstate 10/Route 60 Interchange in Beaumont from Friday, August 7 at 9 p.m. to Monday, August 10 at 6 a.m. One eastbound lane also will be closed nightly after 9 p.m. and will reopen daily before 7 a.m.

The closures are needed for the Riverside County Transportation Commission's Route 60 Truck Lanes Project, which began construction in June 2019. Crews will be shifting motorists onto the newly paved westbound lanes and moving k-rail into place to allow work to begin in the Route 60 median. Drivers should expect significant delays, allow extra time, and use Interstate 10 as an alternate route.

During the past year, crews have been excavating the steep hillsides to provide space to add a truck lane in both directions. Crews have excavated 1.6 million cubic yards of dirt, about 78 percent of the total needed for the project. During that time, crews also have constructed drainage systems using 7,000 feet of drainage pipe and are building two 20-foot by 20-foot wildlife crossings.

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Paving of the westbound lanes began this June with an aggregate base, followed by a layer of hot mix asphalt, which was topped with a 12-inch layer of Jointed Plain Concrete Pavement. The concrete will cure this week and next week before drivers shift to the new lanes the night of August 7.

The \$113 million construction project is expected to be complete in 2022.

For information, visit rctc.org/60trucklanes or follow the project on social media using @60trucklanes