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Full and Partial Closures Ahead on Route 60 in Riverside County's Badlands, Starting Tonight

Daytime and nighttime closures start tonight and will continue through February 11 for roadway paving of the Riverside County Transportation Commission's <u>Route 60 Truck Lanes</u> <u>Project</u> in the Badlands between Moreno Valley and Beaumont. The closures will allow crews to safely build transitions and shift vehicles from the existing lanes to the newly paved lanes.

The traffic shift will provide two travel lanes in both directions with significantly wider roadway shoulders. The shift will allow crews to focus on completing the eastbound truck-climbing lane and the westbound truck-descending lane, scheduled to open this summer.

Motorists should watch for the following closures. Construction is subject to change, based on weather and staffing.

Full Closures, Westbound Route 60:

- Monday, January 31 to Friday, February 4, nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Note:
 Weekend full closure of westbound 60 starts Friday night, February 4
- Saturday, February 5 at 5 a.m. through Monday, February 7 at 5 a.m.
- Monday, February 7 to Friday, February 11, nightly from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Alternating Lane Closures, Eastbound Route 60:

- Monday, January 31 at 9 p.m. to Tuesday, February 1 at 6 a.m.
- Tuesday, February 1 at 9 p.m. through Friday, February 4 at 6 a.m.
- Friday, February 4 at 11 p.m. to Saturday, February 5 at 6 a.m.
- Saturday, February 5 at 11 p.m. to Sunday, February 6 at 9 p.m. Note: Includes daytime lane closures on Sunday, February 6

The eastbound Route 60 Gilman Springs Road on-ramp is closed this week and is expected to reopen February 3.

If possible, avoid the area by using Interstate 10 and allow extra travel time due to significant anticipated delays. See detour map below. The CHP will enforce traffic safety. Traffic fines are doubled in construction areas.



Weekly construction updates are available. Register to receive email notices at rctc.org/60trucklanes and follow @60trucklanes on social media for frequent updates. For more information, call the project helpline at 866-413-6060.

RCTC, in partnership with Caltrans, began project construction in June 2019. The project is intended to enhance safety and traffic flow by separating passenger vehicles from trucks, providing wider shoulders for emergency access, constructing wildlife crossings for animals to cross beneath Route 60, and flattening curves for better sight distance within this curving terrain. The \$113 million investment has created 1,400 jobs.