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CONSTRUCTION TO CLOSE WESTBOUND OCEAN BOULEVARD TERMINAL ISLAND INTERCHANGE PROJECT NEARING COMPLETION

The Port of Long Beach will temporarily close the westbound lanes of the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Ocean Boulevard to Terminal Island between the southbound Long Beach (I-710) Freeway and Navy Way from 9 p.m. Friday, March 23, until 5 a.m. Monday, March 26, to complete a major interchange project.

The eastbound lanes of Ocean Boulevard and the Gerald Desmond Bridge will remain open.

Motorists driving from downtown Long Beach to San Pedro are advised to take Pacific Coast Highway or Anaheim Street to the Harbor (110) Freeway.

Motorists, truckers and others headed to Pier T on Terminal Island in the Port of Long Beach are advised to take Anaheim Street and the Heim Bridge or the eastbound Vincent Thomas Bridge from San Pedro. The only access to Pier 400 on Terminal Island in the Port of Los Angeles will be via the eastbound Vincent Thomas Bridge from San Pedro.

During the temporary closure, the roadway will be reconnected from a temporary detour road back onto the newly constructed westbound Ocean Boulevard. The eastbound lanes were reconnected in January.

The \$65 million Ocean Boulevard and Terminal Island (47) Freeway interchange project will ease congestion and improve air quality by eliminating two Terminal Island traffic signals – at Ocean and the Terminal Island Freeway, and Ocean and Pier S Avenue. Ocean Boulevard is being raised nearly 20 feet so that east-west traffic can travel non-stop between the Gerald Desmond Bridge and Navy Way. Upon completion, local access to Terminal Island facilities from Ocean Boulevard will be via on- and off-ramps. The interchange is used by nearly 50,000 drivers a day.

Detour Routes to/from Terminal Island
Westbound Closure of Gerald Desmond Bridge and Ocean Blvd
Friday, March 23, 2007, 9 PM – Monday, March 26, 5 AM

Travelers to:

- Pier T Avenue - must use the Heim Bridge or Vincent Thomas Bridge
- Navy Way - must use the Heim Bridge or Vincent Thomas Bridge
- New Dock S - must use the Heim Bridge or Vincent Thomas Bridge
- Downtown LB - may use the Gerald Desmond Bridge

Travelers from:

- Pier T Avenue - must use the Gerald Desmond Bridge
- Navy Way - can use any bridge
- New Dock St - must use the Heim Bridge or the Gerald Desmond Bridge
- Downtown LB - must use Anaheim St or SR 1

