

I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project

Skirball Center Dr Bridge Demolition and Reconstruction Fact Sheet

Freeway improvements are in the works.

To reduce congestion, improve mobility and increase safety, the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project will add a rebuilt overpass and high-occupancy vehicle lane, standardize traffic lanes and improve on-and off-ramps along a 10-mile-long stretch of the freeway between the I-10 (Santa Monica Freeway) and U.S. 101 (Ventura Freeway).

Widening this crucial but congested highway requires rebuilding three overpasses: Sunset Bl, Skirball Center Dr and Mulholland Dr. Each of these overpasses will feature its own improvements. For example, the upgraded Skirball Center Dr Bridge would feature:

- > Sidewalks along each side of bridge
- > Increased capacity
- > Widened lanes
- > Widened shoulders
- > Pedestrian access on both sides
- > Increased access for bicyclists
- > Seismic upgrades

Do you have a question about the freeway improvements? Want more information or wish to be added to our mailing list? Here's how you can reach us:

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Frequently Asked Questions

What work will be done?

The Contractor will demolish and reconstruct the Skirball Center Dr Bridge. The demolition will be staged, allowing the northern end of the Skirball Center Dr Bridge to be demolished during a seven-night period, followed by approximately seven months of bridge reconstruction. Then, the southern end of the Skirball Center Dr Bridge will be demolished and reconstructed. The southbound off-ramp will be reduced to one lane to support the bridge construction.

What does bridge demolition preparation consist of?

A construction work zone and yard has been established near the bridge. To maintain pedestrian access across Skirball Bridge, a temporary sidewalk has been added to the south side of the bridge during reconstruction.

When will work begin and end?

Bridge demolition began October 2010. Bridge reconstruction will last approximately seven months for the northern segment and seven months for the southern segment of the bridge.

What time will crews be working?

At times, crews will be working 24 hours a day, seven days a week during both the demolition and reconstruction of the Skirball Center Dr Bridge.

Will there be closures of the I-405, adjacent ramps and the actual Skirball Center Dr Bridge?

Yes. During the demolition, you can anticipate closures of the I-405 in each direction, adjacent ramps and the Skirball Center Dr Bridge itself. These closures will take place during the first seven nights of demolition. The Skirball Center Dr Bridge will also be closed intermittently during reconstruction. The closures are needed to protect the public. Once the demolition is complete, the bridge reconstruction continues for approximately seven months.

Will local access be impacted?

Yes. During the bridge demolition, one direction of the I-405 will be closed for four nights and the Skirball Bridge will be closed for seven nights during late night hours. Detailed information, including detour routes, will be available at metro.net/405 prior to work starting.

What other areas will be impacted?

There will also be temporary late night closures of ramps during the demolition and the reconstruction of the Skirball Bridge. The I-405 and Sepulveda Bl will not be closed at the same time.

Will the Skirball Center Dr Bridge be open to traffic during reconstruction?

Yes. The Contractor will maintain two westbound and one eastbound lane of traffic across the Skirball Center Dr Bridge. There may be night hours when traffic on the bridge will be restricted.

Is the I-405 Project coordinating its work with other projects near the freeway?

Yes, the project team continually coordinates with the City of Los Angeles and its departments to minimize impact on other projects and traffic flow through the Sepulveda Pass. Bridge and freeway closures will be coordinated with emergency responders.

What safety measures will be used?

During preparation for the demolition, K-rail will be placed on Skirball Center Dr Bridge, I-405 and on Sepulveda Bl ramps to protect the public and the construction crews during reconstruction. Freeway and street closures will be implemented during bridge demolition to protect the public from any falling debris.

Who can I contact regarding this fact sheet?

You may contact Metro Community Relations at 213.922.3665 or via e-mail at l405@metro.net. Updates will be available at metro.net/405 that reflect all closures, dates and detours related to this activity. In addition to the website, you can find information on Facebook, Twitter and Nixle. Free accounts can be opened at Twitter.com, Facebook.com and Nixle.com.

What will the new bridge look like?

The reconstructed Skirball Center Dr Bridge will be widened and lengthened. The bridge will have three lanes in the westbound direction.