



CALTRANS COMMUTER ALERT

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UPDATE

NIGHT CLOSURES ON STATE ROUTE 99 AT 7TH STANDARD ROAD SUNDAY, MARCH 29 AND MONDAY, MARCH 30

WHO: KERN COUNTY ROADS DEPARTMENT IN COOPERATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)

WHAT: STATE ROUTE (SR) 99 WILL TEMPORARILY CLOSE AT 7TH STANDARD ROAD/MERLE HAGGARD DRIVE TO FACILITATE LOWERING BRIDGE FALSEWORK. THE FALSEWORK WILL REMAIN IN THE LOWERED POSITION WHILE WORK IS PERFORMED FOR THE BRIDGE'S BARRIER RAILS AND SURFACE FINISHING. THE LONG-TERM NORTHBOUND SR 99 #3 (SLOW) LANE CLOSURE REMAINS IN PLACE.

WHEN: SR 99 NORTHBOUND LANES WILL CLOSE ON SUNDAY, MARCH 29
SR 99 SOUTHBOUND LANES WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY, MARCH 30
THE CLOSURES WILL OCCUR FROM 11 P.M. TO 5 A.M. ON BOTH DAYS

WHERE: SR 99 AT 7TH STANDARD ROAD/MERLE HAGGARD DRIVE

DETOUR: NORTHBOUND SR 99 TRAFFIC WILL EXIT AT 7TH STANDARD ROAD AND RETURN TO THE FREEWAY VIA THE NORTHBOUND ON-RAMP. SOUTHBOUND SR 99 TRAFFIC WILL EXIT AT 7TH STANDARD ROAD AND RETURN TO THE FREEWAY VIA THE SOUTHBOUND ON-RAMP. THE 7TH STANDARD ROAD FREEWAY OVERPASS WILL ALSO CLOSE DURING CONSTRUCTION FOR WORKER AND MOTORIST SAFETY. DETOUR SIGNAGE WILL DIRECT MOTORISTS AROUND THE CLOSURE.

This project upgrades the 7th Standard Road/Merle Haggard Drive Interchange and constructs a grade separation over the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Construction began May 6, 2008 and completion is scheduled for early 2010. Kern County Roads and Caltrans thank the motoring public as we work to improve this important interchange. Please allow additional travel time and drive with extra care through construction areas.

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