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Traffic Advisory

Jewetta Avenue Road Closure

Security Paving Company, the contractor for the Westside Parkway Phase 2 project, plans to close a section of Jewetta Avenue that is located between Stockdale Highway and Brimhall Road, on Tuesday, August 10, 2010. Closure limits are from Pecos River Drive to Braemar Lane. This section of roadway will be closed to automobile traffic, but pedestrian and bike access will be maintained across this area.

The closure is needed to facilitate construction of retaining walls at Jewetta Avenue and to allow the contractor to begin staging equipment and resources for the construction of the Jewetta Avenue bridge that will cross the Westside Parkway. Motorists should expect the closure to be in place for at least a year or until the new Jewetta Bridge is complete.

This is the only complete road closure that will be needed while constructing this phase of the Westside Parkway. The full closure is necessary due to existing conditions at Jewetta Avenue, which will not accommodate a bypass like the one currently in use at Calloway Drive, or allow part of the road to remain open during excavation and bridge construction.

Motorists traveling north-south between Stockdale Highway and Brimhall Road may use nearby parallel routes, including Calloway Drive and Coffee Road, which are expected to maintain two lanes in each direction while construction is underway. Allen Road also remains open to north-south traffic. The City of Bakersfield is currently widening the remaining two-lane section of Allen Road to four lanes to accommodate additional traffic. The Allen Road project is expected to be completed within the next few weeks.

The Thomas Roads Improvement Program appreciates the public's understanding and patience, and apologizes for any inconvenience caused by work on the Westside Parkway.

For additional information on the Westside Parkway project, please visit our website at www.BakersfieldFreeways.us.

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