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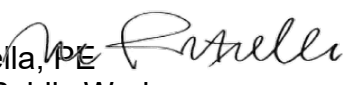
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**BOARD MOTIONS OF DECEMBER 4, 2018, AGENDA ITEM 10
AND SEPTEMBER 13, 2022, AGENDA ITEM 84-B
EMERGENCY MOBILITY OPTIONS IN SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
INTERSTATE 5 FREEWAY – MONTHLY REPORT**

Pursuant to the Board motion dated September 13, 2022, attached is the Interstate 5 Emergency Mobility Options in Santa Clarita Valley monthly report.

The report will transition from a monthly to a semiannual schedule, with the next report due on September 3, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Deputy Director Steve Burger at (626) 458-4018 or sburger@pw.lacounty.gov.

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office
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**INTERSTATE 5 EMERGENCY MOBILITY OPTIONS IN
SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
MONTHLY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2026**

Outreach to the Castaic Community

As part of Public Works' commitment to keeping the community informed and engaged, Public Works provided the Castaic Area Town Council with an update on various traffic investigations of interest to the community on February 18, 2026.

I-5 Interagency Task Force

- The I-5 Interagency Task Force Technical Working Group met on February 10, 2026, where they shared information regarding storm preparation and response over the holiday season. The City of Santa Clarita announced a long-term closure of Bouquet Canyon Road between Plum Canyon Road to David Way. This closure is due to a road realignment project and will last approximately 11 months. The Working Group also discussed continuing preparations for the remainder of the storm season.
- Separately, Metro announced planned overnight ramp closures and partial lane closures throughout the month of February, as well as a long-term closure of the southbound Hasley Canyon Road Roundabout on-ramp from February 24, 2026, through late March 2026. These closures are all related to the I-5 North County Enhancement Project. No significant traffic impacts are expected during these closures, but Public Works will monitor traffic conditions for the duration of the project.

Next steps:

- Continue to evaluate operational impacts due to storm events, particularly in areas affected by recent wildfires, and implement temporary measures as needed.
- Continue to lead monthly Technical Working Group meetings and quarterly I-5 Interagency Task Force meetings to develop and update the incident traffic management plan to address various potential scenarios under the Incident Traffic Management Plan for West Santa Clarita Valley.
- The next Technical Working Group meeting will be on March 10, 2026.

Federal and State Funding and Grant Opportunities

Public Works continued to work with staff from Caltrans and the Federal Highway Administration, California Division, on the Federal agreements for the Resilient Castaic, Santa Clarita Valley: An Integrated Corridor Management Approach to Strengthening

Evacuation Routes Project. The nearly \$3.2 million project to implement integrated corridor management strategies on and around the Castaic and Santa Clarita Valley Section of the I-5 Freeway is funded through the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient, and Cost-Saving Transportation Discretionary Grant Program, also known as PROTECT.

Incident monitoring during emergency events, inclement weather, holidays, and expected high-travel volumes through the corridor

Public Works continued to monitor travel times on the I-5 Freeway and The Old Road. There were no reported impacts to traffic resulting from the overnight lane closures for pavement rehabilitation work on the I-5 Freeway throughout the month of January.

Next steps:

- Coordinate post-fire and storm recovery and repairs among the different agencies to minimize overall impacts to the surrounding communities.
- Continue to monitor and compare travel times on the I-5 Freeway and The Old Road during planned and unplanned incidents on the I-5 Freeway.