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Caltrans District 7 Begins Construction on Vincent Thomas Bridge

Caltrans District 7 is going to close the Vincent Thomas Bridge (VTB) State Route 47 in San Pedro for approximately 16 months to retrofit the bridge ahead of the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games. The bridge will close starting November 7, 2026 and will reopen in the winter/spring of 2028.

Although the bridge is structurally sound, the bridge deck is rapidly deteriorating. This is due to concrete fatigue caused by heavy traffic loading, as well as environmental deterioration due to age and the marine environment. Caltrans is proposing to replace the entire bridge deck and its seismic sensors. In addition, the project will replace the bridge railings, fences and median barrier. The purpose of this project is to preserve the operations, functionality, and structural integrity of the bridge deck.

After opening to traffic in early 2028, the bridge will undergo a final phase, during which Caltrans will remove the previously installed temporary features and install new seismic sensors and utilities on the bridge.

Caltrans illustrates the timeline of the whole project below:



The estimated total cost of the project is $750 million dollars.

During the closure, Caltrans will minimize local traffic impacts through infrastructure improvements, manual traffic control strategies, and enhanced communication efforts. Additionally, traffic control officers will be deployed to 18 key intersections in the area, as required, to monitor and manually facilitate traffic flow, and local police will expand commercial trucking enforcement.

A multifaceted communications effort, including the Caltrans QuickMap traffic app, will increase awareness of the project and help divert traffic from the area during construction.

Below is a map of the closure and the potentially affected areas:



More information about the closure can be found on **Caltrans Vincent Thomas Bridge Deck Replacement Project** website.