

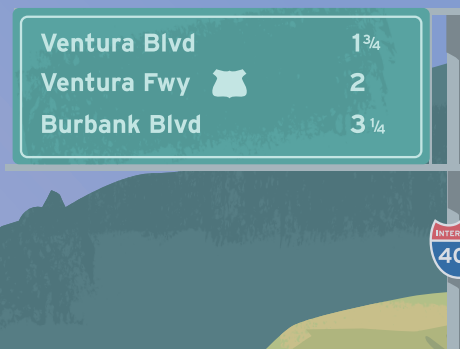
I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project

Sepulveda Bl Reconstruction Fact Sheet

Overview

After unwinding the noodle bowl of utilities under Sepulveda Bl, between Montana Av and Sunset Bl Bridge, and moving the utilities east to avoid them being buried under the new I-405 alignment, work can begin on the final configuration of Sepulveda Bl.

Utility relocation required approximately two years because of the number of utilities and their proximity to one another. Just counting the utilities for a City of Los Angeles sewer, Chevron, Exxon Mobil, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, and Southern California Gas required moving well over two linear miles of pipe.



We're working to improve Sepulveda Bl.

Sepulveda Bl Shifts East

For example, with the hillside north of Montana Av successfully supported by Walls 1720 and 1730, Sepulveda Bl has been realigned and can now be graded and paved. Between Montana Av and Church Ln, Sepulveda Bl will also be shifted east. This is because, unlike other stretches of the northbound freeway, Caltrans had too little right-of-way east of the current freeway to add the HOV lane.

This rebuilding will occur in phases. Roadway improvements between Homedale Av and Bronwood Av began in October 2012. Sepulveda Bl traffic will be pushed approximately two car lengths east during November 2012.

Near the end of November, the portion of Sepulveda Bl between Montana Av and Homedale Av will have received its new roadway, allowing Sepulveda Bl traffic to travel on the new roadway by the end of the year.

To complete the remaining 15 percent of utility relocation on Sepulveda Bl and to replace roadway, K-rail will be added to the west side of the boulevard. The K-rail will create a work area used to widen the northbound I-405 freeway, creating the new high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane. The first sign of this work will be the building of retaining walls and sound wall construction.

Other Civil Improvements

Other civil improvements, such as street lighting, will come later. The slightly higher, new Sepulveda Bl will also receive new curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

Nighttime and Daytime Operation

As work progresses, daytime and nighttime operations will continue as workers widen the freeway to the east. In addition, workers will shield a storm drain line running under Sepulveda Bl and concentrate on freeway widening.

Northbound Sunset Ramps

During the first quarter of 2013, the new northbound on-ramp at Sunset Bl will become operational. The new off-ramp will be relocated east of the existing ramp. To enable construction of a longer northbound off-ramp to eastbound and westbound Sunset Bl—with increased ability to store vehicles—the ramp will be closed for an estimated 120 days. A reconstructed northbound off-ramp will allow sound wall construction south of the Montana Av undercrossing to start. Eventually, the Montana Av off-ramp will be closed permanently.

Freeway Work Shifts North

Just north of these changes, passersby will also notice the widening of the Church Ln/Ovada Pl undercrossing and the widening of the Sepulveda Bl undercrossing at the Getty ramps. The Church Ln undercrossing reconstruction will require the erection of temporary false work support, temporarily reducing lane capacity under the bridge for approximately eight months.

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