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City closes Del Paso Boulevard floodgates due to high river levels

The City of Sacramento Department of Transportation crews have closed the floodgates this morning on Del Paso Boulevard between Railroad Drive and Northgate Boulevard due to high water levels in the Sacramento River. It is unknown how long the gates will be closed. Also, last night, a crew started patrolling the levee, which is standard practice at this stage.

Closing the floodgates prevents flooding of Del Paso Boulevard. With the closure, Del Paso will be closed at Railroad Drive through Northgate Boulevard and Northgate Boulevard will be closed from Highway 160 to Garden Highway until further notice. Drivers will need to find alternate routes off of Highway 160.

The Department of Transportation works closely with the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities to determine when to close floodgates. The departments routinely close the floodgates when the water reaches 23.5 feet at the bridge on Northgate Boulevard and Garden highway.

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Background

In the normal preparedness phase 1, the City monitors levels at the I Street Bridge. At 19 feet, Discovery Park is prepared for overflow, at 23 feet, Del Paso floodgates are installed and at 24 feet, a crew starts levee patrol.

- Additional flood preparedness info is always available at www.sacramentoready.org.
- For specific water levels, check out <http://www.sacflood.org/>.
- To obtain more information about how the City prepares year-round for such events, go to <http://www.cityofsacramento.org/transportation/storm/stormreadiness.html>
- (Please refer to the [Sacramento 311 Facebook page](#) for after-hours notifications.)

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