



## CALTRANS FIX I-5 PROJECT

### | FAQs about City traffic

Listed below are some frequently asked questions about Caltrans' Fix I-5 Project. Please visit [www.fixl-5.com](http://www.fixl-5.com) for more information.

**Q: What is the I-5 “Boat Section” and why should I be concerned?**

**A:** The I-5 Boat Section is the stretch of California Interstate 5 highway that runs through downtown Sacramento. It has been dubbed the “Boat Section” due to its close proximity to the Sacramento River. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will be closing this section of the highway intermittently between May 30 and July 15. The specific schedule is online at [www.fixl-5.com](http://www.fixl-5.com). These repairs will require a closure to through traffic of I-5 one direction at a time and will impact local City traffic.

**Q: When do these “repairs” begin?**

**A:** Repairs on the I-5 Boat Section will begin Friday evening, May 30.

**Q: What can I do to plan around these repairs?**

**A:** It is recommended that all commuters who usually take this portion of I-5 plan accordingly. If you normally use I-5 as your route, go ahead and keep using the highways to reach your destination. Drivers will be advised via signage regarding available off-ramps. For those using I-5 as a through route, take the Caltrans-recommended detour via I-80.

Here are some simple options you can take to survive Fix I-5:

- ◆ **Plan your trips.** Allow plenty of extra time for any unexpected delays.
- ◆ **Avoid driving during peak hours.** Consider flexing your work schedule or telecommuting.
- ◆ **Try public transit, car-pooling or bicycling.** Not only are these options great for the environment, they will reduce the amount of vehicles on I-5. Any reduction will greatly ease the traffic volume that is expected.

**Q: How much of the highway will be closed to motorists?**

**A:** One mile of northbound and southbound I-5 will be closed to through traffic at different times. Certain off and on-ramps will be closed at varying times, however, motorists will have many options. Please visit [www.fixl-5.com](http://www.fixl-5.com) to find out what will be closed and when. While the northbound J Street exit ramp is closed, Q Street will remain open to access downtown and will be the last available off ramp from northbound I-5. During the southbound closure, J Street will be open.

Once on the City's grid, motorists have a variety of options if they are planning to return to J or Q Street. For example, during the northbound closure, drivers will be exiting at Q Street, not J Street, and can get back to J Street via 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Signage will also direct motorists back to I-5 after exiting on Q Street.

**Q: What is being done about traffic on City streets adjacent to the highway?**

**A:** Sacramento Police and California Highway Patrol will be assisting with law enforcement during peak times at intersections with expected high volumes of traffic. These areas will mainly include the on/off-ramps adjacent to I-5. During the northbound closure, law enforcement will direct traffic along Q Street at 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets. During the southbound closure, law enforcement officers will be stationed along Richards Boulevard and 7<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> streets.

**Q: It sounds like the City of Sacramento will be handling a lot of traffic. Is there anything else being done to handle such large amounts of traffic?**

**A:** Yes! The City has temporarily restriped 5<sup>th</sup> Street to improve access into downtown. Some other improvements also include interim turn pockets and channeling traffic to avoid turning and weaving conflicts, especially around on/off ramps.

We are also going to be monitoring traffic signal timing from our Traffic Operations Center and adjusting accordingly during peak hours. Most corridors within downtown will have timing plans that differ from normal. The City has also added a host of new traffic cameras to view new intersections and to monitor traffic situations. Police and CHP will be monitoring traffic as well from our Traffic Operations Center.

**Q: Is there anything else I should know about this project?**

**A:** The most important thing to note is that I-5 will still providing access to downtown. The project schedule will vary so please refer to the schedule calendar for more precise information. It can be viewed at [www.fixl-5.com](http://www.fixl-5.com) under the "What's Happening" section.