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Construction to begin at Base Line Interchange; find out how to receive project alerts

Highland, CA – Next week crews will begin the next phase of widening the Base Line Bridge over the SR 210 Freeway as construction continues on the SR 210 Lane Addition and Baseline Interchange project.

Work to widen Base Line and the bridge will occur in multiple stages; the first stage beginning next week will require a temporary reconfiguration of existing lanes of traffic on Base Line between Seine Avenue and Buckeye Street. While the number of lanes in each direction will remain the same throughout the first stage of this multi-stage operation, traffic patterns may shift during construction. Similarly, the SR 210 ramps onto and off of Base Line will be restriped with the number of lanes remaining the same. Pedestrian access will be maintained during bridge widening, along the south side of the Base Line bridge, protected by temporary concrete barriers also known as k-rail. The bridge widening itself is currently scheduled to be complete in Summer 2021 while the remaining widening of Base Line and the ramps will be completed in early 2022.

Motorists will notice heightened construction activity, narrowed lanes, k-rail and temporary signals and striping on Base Line. In addition, some lanes of traffic may be closed or disrupted during off-peak overnight hours.

When work is completed, Base Line at SR 210 will include three westbound through lanes and two eastbound through lanes, along with two left turn lanes onto both eastbound and westbound SR 210.

Work on the SR 210 Lane Addition and Baseline Interchange project began in February 2020, and the overall project is expected to be completed by mid-2023. The project will add one mixed-flow lane in each direction between Highland Avenue and San Bernardino Avenue, auxiliary lanes (merge lanes) between Base Line and 5th Street, and an acceleration lane at the 5th Street eastbound ramp.

As the SR 210 Lane Addition and Base Line Interchange projects aligned geographically and shared similar delivery schedules, they were combined for the design, right-of-way, and construction phases to save cost and expedite the schedule. In addition, pavement rehabilitation work was added through a cooperative agreement with Caltrans that includes

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slab replacement between Highland Avenue and 5th Street and new concrete pavement between 5th Street and Lugonia Avenue. Adding the pavement rehabilitation work during the Lane Addition and Base Line Interchange projects, effectively delivering three projects as one, means fewer projects that the community will have to navigate around in the future.

The complete SR 210 Lane Addition and Base Line Interchange project will eliminate a major traffic bottleneck in San Bernardino County's East Valley.

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