



Emergency Preparedness

From: I-405 Improvements Project, Emergency Responders Task Force

To: The Mulholland Corridor Community

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As part of our commitment to the safety of the surrounding community, the I-405 project team in conjunction with emergency service providers would like to inform you of some of the important emergency planning efforts taking place during construction in the Mulholland Corridor area.

As you know, the I-405 Sepulveda Pass Improvements Project is underway in your area. It will add a 10-mile carpool lane and improve supporting infrastructure such as ramps, bridges and sound walls on the San Diego Freeway (I-405); while widening lanes from the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) to the Ventura Freeway (US-101).

The Mulholland Bridge is an important element of the Project. This bridge must be replaced to make room for the widened freeway over which it spans. The Project team intends to keep one westbound and one eastbound lane on the bridge open to traffic throughout construction; however, there may be rare exceptions when detour routes will be provided.

Be assured that Caltrans, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), and Kiewit Infrastructure West Co.(Kiewit) have been working closely with local agencies to assure the Mulholland corridor is always accessible to emergency responders.

Some of the important precautionary measures being incorporated include:

- All temporary traffic control plans are approved by LA City, LA County and Caltrans prior to implementation.
- Emergency responders review the I-405 project's traffic control plans and make appropriate adjustments to assure rapid response. They regularly receive up-to-date construction notices of upcoming activities and changes in traffic patterns.
- Real-time two-way communication has been established between the contractor and the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) to allow for access through closed lanes and construction areas for emergency response.
- Each school, church and general assembly has, as prescribed by law, an Emergency Preparedness Plan. LAFD has reviewed all such plans in the Mulholland corridor area and has also inspected each campus for fire safety and emergency readiness.
- In the event of a major emergency an expandable Incident Command System is established to combine the efforts of all first responders and law enforcement into a "Unified Command". Additionally, all emergency service providers will work collaboratively with the I-405 Project Team to coordinate emergency responses.
- Kiewit will assist emergency services in the event of a major emergency under the direction of the Incident Command System. Construction resources such as heavy equipment, water tanks, and personnel will be available as needed.

The Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, Metro, Caltrans, and Kiewit are dedicated to continuing coordination to ensure safety to the community.

More information about the Project is available at Metro.net/projects/405. If you have questions please contact the project hot line at (213) 922-3665.

Thank you for your patience during this construction period.

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