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Bridge project will detour Magnolia Avenue traffic near Riverside/Corona city limits for a year

Traffic in both directions on Magnolia Avenue will detour near the Riverside and Corona city limits for about a year, starting Jan. 20, in order to build a bridge over a railroad crossing. The traffic bridge will end conflicts between trains and vehicles at the crossing, make it safer for pedestrians, reduce traffic delays, and improve access for emergency vehicles.

Construction on the \$42.7 million project began in April and will be completed in early 2016. The closed section of Magnolia Avenue, from Lincoln to Buchanan streets, will reopen once the bridge is built, which is expected before the overall project is finished. The mile-long closure will increase safety during construction and make room for a 90-foot crane, drill rigs and heavy equipment. Once the six-lane bridge opens to traffic, vehicles will drive above the train tracks, eliminating the need for a crossing.

A public meeting to explain the project will be held on Wednesday (Jan. 14), hosted by the Alvord Unified School District and the Riverside County Transportation Department in the Ysmael Villegas Middle School multipurpose room, 3754 Harvill Lane in Riverside. The project team will be available to answer questions about the work.

Traffic in both directions on Magnolia Avenue will access the suggested detour on Indiana Avenue by traveling south at McKinley Street or Buchanan Avenue. An alternate route along Sampson Avenue, just north of Magnolia Avenue, also will be available. While the section of Magnolia Avenue is closed, access will be maintained for all business in the area, and signs will be installed to notify the public that the businesses remain open.

In 2009, 12,900 vehicles used the street each day, a number expected to increase to about 26,000 in 2035. For more information about the project, call the toll-free hotline at (877) 672-7765 or go to www.rcprojects.org/magnolia