Why is the Slater Avenue bridge closing?
Crews will be demolishing and rebuilding the bridge as part of the I-405 Improvement Project. The bridge is closing on Friday, Sept. 21, for predemolition activities, such as removal of guardrail, which may be loud. Full demolition, which will include overnight freeway closures, is anticipated to begin on Sept. 29. Dates and times are subject to change.

What’s involved in constructing the new Slater Avenue bridge?
The bridge will be rebuilt in one stage and will be closed to traffic during construction. Detours will be in place; however, motorists should expect delays.

I thought the bridge was going to remain open during construction. Why the change in staging?
Completing the bridge in one stage is expected to take approximately 12 months rather than 18 months or more for two stages. That will allow us to open the new bridge to the public six months sooner than anticipated.

How long will it take to construct the new bridge?
Construction will take approximately 12 months.

Will the bridge be open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic?
No. The bridge will be completely demolished and rebuilt in one stage; it will be closed to all traffic.

What are the detours when the bridge is closed?

   The detour routes are:

   Eastbound Routes (EB)
   • NB Bushard St. → EB Warner Ave. → SB Brookhurst St. → EB Slater Ave.
   • SB Bushard St. → EB Talbert Ave. → NB Brookhurst St. → EB Slater Ave.

   Westbound Routes (WB)
   • NB Brookhurst St. → WB Warner Ave. → SB Bushard St. → WB Slater Ave.
   • SB Brookhurst St. → WB Talbert Ave. → NB Bushard St. → WB Slater Ave.

   Pedestrian detour routes are:
   Eastbound Routes (EB)
   • NB Bushard St. → EB Warner Ave. → SB Buttonwood St. → SB Banyan St. → Starfish Ave. → EB Slater Ave.

   Westbound Routes (WB)
   • NB Starfish Ave. → NB Banyan St. → NB Buttonwood St. → WB Warner Ave. → SB Bushard St. → WB Slater Ave.
Will neighborhoods near the bridge be accessible?
Yes, residential and business access will be maintained.

What are the hours of construction activities?
In general, most of the work will be performed during the day behind temporary concrete barriers, known as k-rail. However, some activities, such as placing the k-rail, striping lanes, shifting traffic and demolition, must be done at night for the safety of work crews, motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

What should the neighborhood expect during demolition?
Demolition will include the use of equipment to break up concrete, and excavators, bulldozers and trucks to remove rubble. Water trucks will be on-site to keep dust to a minimum as required.

Will noise levels be monitored?
Yes. Caltrans standards will be enforced. Residents may hear back-up alarms and noise from other construction activities. The alarms are required for employee safety purposes by state regulation on all construction equipment in use. The sound level must be audible for 200 feet and distinguishable from the surrounding noise.

Have surrounding businesses, schools and churches been notified?
Yes.

How will the neighborhood be notified of upcoming activities?
Flyers will be delivered approximately one week prior to all major activities, such as demolition and pile driving. In addition, the OCTA Community Outreach Team will notify residents, businesses and motorists of all activities via weekly email and text alerts, through automated phone calls, on the project website and via social media.

Whom do residents contact if they have questions, concerns or claims?
Contact the Community Outreach Team by emailing 405project@octa.net, or by calling the project helplines. For English and Spanish, call 888-400-8994; for Vietnamese, call 888-662-6569. You may also message us on social media.