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## **Traffic Detours in Beverly Hills for Roadway Construction**

N. Santa Monica Blvd. Limited to Two Westbound Lanes; Eastbound Traffic Diverted

Beverly Hills, CA – Detours are now in effect for eastbound N. (Big) Santa Monica Boulevard through mid-July between Wilshire Boulevard and Rodeo Drive. The N. Santa Monica Boulevard Reconstruction project will move into the next phase: removing the roadway completely and replacing it with new subgrade and asphalt, which requires lane closures and detours.

As of June 3, traffic on North (Big) Santa Monica Boulevard is limited to two westbound lanes and eastbound traffic will be rerouted to S. (Little) Santa Monica and Wilshire boulevards starting at Century Park East. (See detour map below.) This phase will last approximately three weeks

Then, starting in late June for approximately four weeks, the work will shift to the northern portion of the roadway between Wilshire Boulevard and Rodeo Drive. During that time, two westbound lanes and one eastbound lane on N. Santa Monica Boulevard will be open with occasional additional lane closures. The same traffic detours will be available.

The City of Beverly Hills appreciates your patience! The work and road closures are scheduled in order to shorten the overall duration of construction and keep the project's western section on track for completion before the holiday shopping season.

**Bus Stops -** Buses will continue to travel westbound on N. Santa Monica Blvd with stops at Camden Drive and Wilshire Boulevard. Buses travelling eastbound will be diverted onto S. Santa Monica Boulevard in Century City. Buses will stop just west of Charleville Blvd and continue on S. Santa Monica Boulevard with a second stop west of Camden Drive. The eastbound buses will return to N. Santa Monica Boulevard by way of Crescent Drive.



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**Turn Restrictions** – In order to limit vehicles diverting into residential neighborhoods, left turns will be prohibited from eastbound Wilshire onto Trenton Drive.

**Crosswalk –** The cross walk at S. Santa Monica Boulevard and Lasky Drive will be temporarily removed.

An extensive outreach program is underway to inform the community on the progress of the project and how to navigate streets during construction. Watch for mailers, social media messages, signage and notification of upcoming meetings. The website <a href="https://www.beverlyhills.org/smblvd">www.beverlyhills.org/smblvd</a> will be updated continually and residents and businesses can sign up to receive emailed notifications through Ask Bev, <a href="https://www.beverlyhills.org/AskBev">www.beverlyhills.org/AskBev</a>, or stay in touch via <a href="https://www.Facebook.com/CityofBeverlyhills">www.Facebook.com/CityofBeverlyhills</a> and <a href="https://www.Twitter.com/CityofBevHills">www.Twitter.com/CityofBevHills</a>. In addition, the City can be reached via email <a href="mailto:smblvd@beverlyhills.org">smblvd@beverlyhills.org</a>, the project helpline (424) 339-9033 or the Public Works Customer Service line (310) 285-2467.

## Once completed, improvements to N. Santa Monica Boulevard will include:

- Rebuilt roadway with a rubberized asphalt surface to provide a smoother and quieter ride
- Upgraded drainage system
- New curbs and gutters
- Widening of the road on the south side between Cañon Drive and Wilshire Boulevard
- A standardized street-lighting system along the north side
- ADA compliant access upgrades
- New sidewalks
- Low impact drainage landscaping (grass swales) that comply with the urban water quality regulations
- Landscaping on the south side of the boulevard

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