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CITY OF MONTEBELLO RELEASES TRAFFIC DETOUR PLANS TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE PARAMOUNT BOULEVARD OVERPASS

MONTEBELLO, CA — The City of Montebello released detour plans to help motorists avoid the impacts resulting from the long-term closure of the Paramount Boulevard/SR60 overpass today. The plans were developed by a coalition of impacted cities, local public safety agencies, Los Angeles County Public Works and state agencies to address the ongoing traffic issues caused by the overpass closure and to help holiday shoppers navigate to local businesses.

“We want the community to know about these detours and to remind them that the stores in the impacted shopping centers—the Costco Shopping Center, The Shops at Montebello and Montebello Town Square—continue to be open and accessible,” said Montebello Mayor Dr. Frank Gomez. “We have done everything possible to mitigate potential delays, and we want to encourage the community to continue supporting the local economy during the holiday shopping season.”

The city, Los Angeles County Public Works and Caltrans have installed detour signs leading up to the overpass closure to redirect traffic around the Paramount Boulevard overpass. Residents and visitors are advised to use the following detours:

- Routes along Rosemead Boulevard, San Gabriel Boulevard and Plaza Drive. Montebello Boulevard north from Beverly Boulevard.
- Paramount Boulevard north of SR60: While the Paramount Boulevard overpass is being reconstructed, the east and west bound SR60 on and off-ramps will be accessible to the general public. Note: Access to the south side of the freeway is available at San Gabriel Boulevard and Wilcox Avenue.
- Paramount Boulevard south of SR60: While the Paramount Boulevard overpass is being reconstructed, the east and west bound freeway on and off-ramps will be accessible to the general public.

The Paramount Boulevard/SR60 overpass was damaged as a result of a tanker fire that occurred underneath it on Dec. 14. As a result, it was determined that the overpass needed to be demolished and rebuilt. Although reconstruction plans are pending, Caltrans—the state agency responsible for the

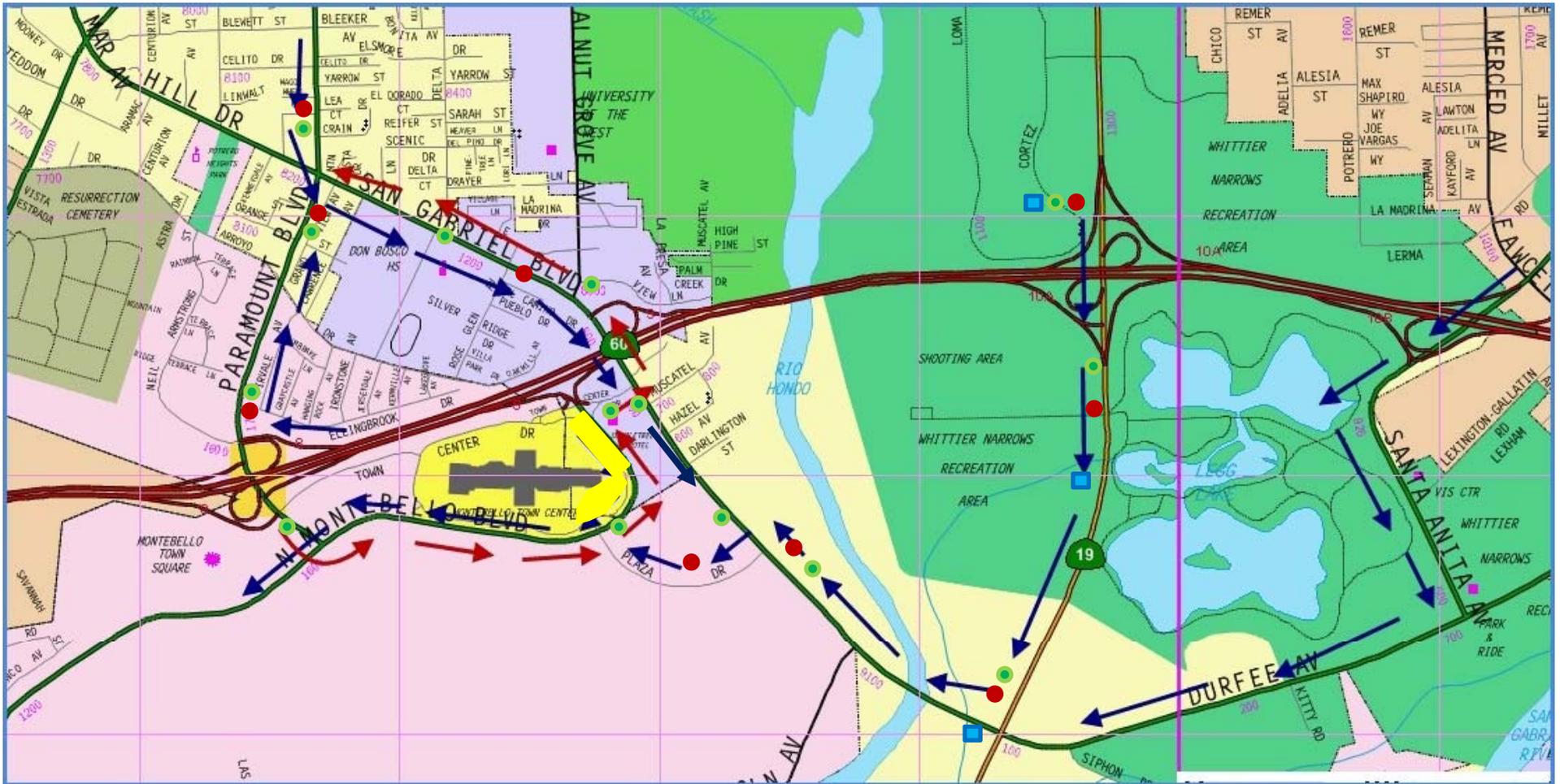
overpass—expects that the bridge planning and construction will take at least several months to complete. In the interim, the city is advising residents to plan extra travel time if their route normally takes them across the Paramount Boulevard/SR60.

“The city and other impacted municipalities are continuing to work in close coordination to ensure that any delays or impacts are minimized. We are committed to continuing to update residents and local businesses as the reconstruction process takes shape,” said Mayor Gomez.

The city, Los Angeles County Public Works and Caltrans will provide regular construction updates to the community as they become available.

Please visit www.cityofmontebello.com for the latest news regarding closures and detours. Motorist can also call 511 anytime for updates.

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-  Traffic flow, north side of Rte 60 to south side of Rte 60
-  Traffic flow, south side of Rte 60 to north side of Rte 60

-  The Shops At Montebello (Ground Mounted Sign)
-  Paramount Blvd Detour (Ground Mounted Sign)
-  Hospital Sign (Not all signs shown, Ground Mounted Sign)