

**SATURDAY STATEMENT FROM CITY OF MONTEBELLO MAYOR DR. FRANK A. GOMEZ
REGARDING REOPENING OF 60 FREEWAY 12-17-11**

MONTEBELLO, CA — This afternoon (Dec. 17), Caltrans completed the necessary work to reopen the 60 freeway in both directions, following a three-day closure as a result of a tanker fire under the Paramount Blvd./SR60 freeway overpass. The fire caused damage to the Paramount Blvd./SR60 freeway overpass, which required partial demolition and will now need to be rebuilt. Caltrans, the City of Montebello, Los Angeles County and others are still coordinating plans and the timetable for the successful reconstruction project.

The following is a statement from Montebello Mayor Dr. Frank A. Gomez:

"The City of Montebello wants to thank Caltrans, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Montebello Police and Fire Departments and the California Highway Patrol, for the well-coordinated response to this incident. The city and responding agencies had a crisis plan in place, and it was successfully implemented. We will continue to work with Caltrans and the County to mitigate any impacts from rebuilding efforts, and we will keep the community apprised as details for the project are finalized. For the moment, we are glad that the freeways have reopened and that residents can continue to go about their busy holiday plans."

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**FRIDAY STATEMENT FROM CITY OF MONTEBELLO MAYOR DR. FRANK A. GOMEZ REGARDING
60 FREEWAY INCIDENT
LATEST 60 FREEWAY UPDATE AS OF FRIDAY (12/16/2012)**

MONTEBELLO, CA -This morning (Dec. 16), Caltrans completed its inspection of the damage to the Paramount Blvd./SR60 freeway overpass, which resulted from a tanker fire on Dec. 14. The inspection revealed that only the portion of the Paramount Blvd./SR60 freeway overpass above eastbound SR60 required demolition and reconstruction.

Caltrans originally anticipated being able to complete this operation and reopen the SR60 in both directions between I710 and Rosemead Blvd. in time for Friday evening rush hour. During the demolition process, Caltrans discovered a series of telephone wires wrapped in asbestos. They immediately halted demolition work and took appropriate precautions to ensure the public's health and safety were protected. As a result, Caltrans pushed back the anticipated opening of SR60 to the

afternoon of Saturday, Dec. 17, but that could change.

The following is a statement from Montebello Mayor Dr. Frank A. Gomez:

"We want to thank residents and businesses for bearing with us during this delay. Our first priority is always to protect the health and safety of our community. It is critical that we act with an abundance of caution for the well-being of our residents. We want to assure residents that we are working around the clock with Caltrans, the California Highway Patrol, Los Angeles County officials and others to return travel to normal on SR60 as soon as possible. Montebello is still open for business and we have established alternative routes to local businesses to accommodate local holiday shopping."

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