

Background Information:
Motion proposed by the WRAC MTC to postpone repaving the I-405

The Westside of Los Angeles is experiencing even more severe gridlock than usual as a result of debris removal from the Pacific Palisades fire and closure of the Pacific Coast Highway (PCH). Dozens of trucks have been clogging Westside streets and freeways daily at the same time that closure of PCH has diverted a significant amount of additional traffic onto the I-405.

Caltrans has recently announced that it will start the Caltrans I-405 Pavement Rehabilitation Project* in May 2025, concurrent with the Palisades debris removal. This project is scheduled to run until sometime in 2029 and to result in lane closures, ramp closures, and general disruption on a regular basis.

In regard to PCH reopening, at its April 24, 2025, public virtual meeting, Caltrans said that PCH might have one lane in each direction open by June 2025, but a partial opening is not sufficient to handle the usual traffic load.

In regard to debris removal from Pacific Palisades, at a recent meeting with Brentwood Homeowners Association, the Army Corps of Engineers estimated that this might happen sometime in August 2025.

Brentwood Community Council (BCC) has requested postponement of the 405 repaving (a modified version of the motion proposed by the WRAC MTC).**

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* <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/district-7-news/d7-caltrans-to-host-meeting-for-the-interstate-405-sepulveda-pass-pavement-rehabilitation-project>

** <https://westsidecouncils.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/BCC-Request-to-Delay-1-405-Repaving-05062025-1-3.pdf>.