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## TRAFFIC DETOURS STARTING FOR PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT ON ALESSANDRO BOULEVARD

Traffic detours have been placed along Alessandro Boulevard in the Mission Grove area of Riverside as construction gears up for a major water line along the thoroughfare, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California announced.

Over the next four to six weeks, there will be intermittent detours and traffic controls along Alessandro Boulevard between Mission Grove Parkway and Sycamore Canyon Boulevard, as work begins on the Perris Valley Pipeline, said Tom Campbell, Metropolitan's project manager.

When completed, the eight-foot-diameter drinking water line will provide an additional 150 million gallons of treated water each day to homes and businesses in western Riverside County.

Once preliminary construction work is completed in early November, final traffic detours and controls will be established and remain in place until next summer, Campbell said.

"These detours will move two lanes of eastbound and two lanes of westbound traffic onto the south side of Alessandro Boulevard to accommodate the installation of the pipeline in the northern portion of the roadway," Campbell said. "In addition, there will be reduced speed limits and restrictions on left turns off of Alessandro Boulevard during the construction period. However, access to all businesses through the construction zone will be maintained."

Metropolitan is constructing the pipeline in two phases, with the first phase along Alessandro to Cactus Avenue being done under a \$39.3 million contract awarded to the W.A. Rasic Construction Co., of Bell Gardens. The work, which will proceed east along Alessandro and then south in right of way adjacent to Interstate 215 to Cactus Avenue, is expected to be completed by August 2008.

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Additional information on the pipeline project is available by calling the project hotline at (951) 776-2626 or by visiting the project Web site, [www.perrisvalleypipeline.com](http://www.perrisvalleypipeline.com).

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