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State Workers Urged To Telecommute

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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger issued an executive order Friday calling for state workers in Sacramento to telecommute, take transit or alter their work schedules when feasible to help ease the expected congestion on Interstate 5 during a roadway improvement project.

The three-quarter-mile stretch of I-5 through downtown Sacramento is set to get a new roadbed and drainage system, and construction will force the periodic closure of lanes and ramps.

The \$27 million project is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. May 30 and take about seven weeks to complete.

That portion of I-5 is used by 200,000 commuters a day.

"To create a faster and safer commute here in Sacramento during construction, I'm encouraging all state agencies to promote creative options for state workers," Schwarzenegger said.

"By getting more cars off the road, we can help relieve traffic headaches while also cutting down on air pollution from idling cars."