

Shuttle Xing: Endeavour treks through LA streets

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Spectators gather around the Space Shuttle Endeavour before it is moved along city streets, Friday, Oct.12, 2012, in Los Angeles. Endeavour's two-day, 12-mile road trip to the California Science Center, where it will be put on display, kicked off early Friday. Rolled on a 160-wheeled carrier, it left from a hangar at the Los Angeles International Airport, passing diamond-shaped "Shuttle Xing" signs, and reached city streets about two hours later. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

The shuttle Endeavour is rolling again early Saturday after an hourslong delay as crews prepared it to cross over a major Los Angeles interstate overpass.

The shuttle began a [journey](#) early Friday being towed slowly through the streets of Los Angeles to a museum where it will go on permanent display.



Spectators gather to watch the space shuttle Endeavour in Los Angeles, Friday, Oct. 12, 2012. Endeavour's 12-mile road trip kicked off shortly before midnight Thursday as it moved from its Los Angeles International Airport hangar en route to the California Science Center, its ultimate destination, said Benjamin Scheier of the center. (AP Photo/Mark J. Terrill)

Friday evening it stopped as crews spent hours transferring the shuttle to a special, lighter towing dolly. Then around midnight, it began the trip over a bridge across Interstate 405, one of the trickiest parts of its complicated journey.

The shuttle was pulled across the Manchester Boulevard bridge by a Toyota Tacoma pickup, and the car company filmed the event for a commercial after paying for a permit, turning the entire scene into a

movie set complete with special lighting, sound and staging.



A couple poses with a street sign temporarily removed prior to the transfer of the space shuttle Endeavour in Los Angeles, Friday, Oct. 12, 2012. Endeavour's 12-mile road trip kicked off shortly before midnight Thursday as it moved from its Los Angeles International Airport hangar en route to the California Science Center, its ultimate destination, said Benjamin Scheier of the center. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)

Crews preparing for the crossing had to take down power lines, leaving about 400 residents of surrounding Inglewood without power for what was expected to be several hours.



The space shuttle Endeavour sits in a strip mall near Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles, Friday, Oct. 12, 2012. Endeavour's 12-mile road trip kicked off shortly before midnight Thursday as it moved from its Los Angeles International Airport hangar en route to the California Science Center, its ultimate destination, said Benjamin Scheier of the center. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)



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The space shuttle Endeavour sits in a strip mall as a Hawaiian Airlines jet approaches a runway at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles, Friday, Oct. 12, 2012. Endeavour's 12-mile road trip kicked off shortly before midnight Thursday as it moved from its hangar at the airport en route to the California Science Center, its ultimate destination. (AP Photo/Jae C. Hong)



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