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Interstate 580 to Close Briefly for PG&E Electric Transmission Safety Work

CASTRO VALLEY, Calif. — On Sunday, May 15, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) begins work in Castro Valley above and near Interstate 580 between Crow Canyon Road and Eden Canyon Road exits to make improvements of nearby electric transmission towers and power lines.

From 6 to 9 a.m. that morning, workers will use helicopters to install a safety net 60 feet above all eastbound and westbound lanes of I-580 freeway between Crow Canyon Road and Eden Canyon Road. The net ensures drivers' safety as helicopters transport materials overhead. The net will remain in place throughout the project.

PG&E sometimes uses helicopters to complete projects in a safe and efficient manner, reduce the need for heavy trucks and equipment on the ground, and lessen environmental impacts.

During the net installation, two lanes (the fast lane and slow lane) will be closed in both directions of I-580 between the Crow Canyon Road and Eden Canyon Road exits. Additionally, throughout the morning there will be brief, intermittent closures of all freeway lanes in both directions. Drivers should anticipate slow-downs or plan to take a different route.

"We appreciate drivers' patience as we work to enhance power line and electric service reliability in the East Bay," said Laura Wetmore, senior manager of PG&E's Mission division. "We worked closely with CHP, Caltrans and BART to schedule this work at a time that will minimize impact to Bay Area travelers."

The infrastructure improvement project, including use of helicopters over I-580, will continue through early June. This activity will be visible to drivers on I-580. Drivers are reminded to stay safe and not be distracted while driving.

Throughout the project, PG&E anticipates additional lane closures and short traffic delays at this location. At the project's conclusion, there will be another freeway closure to remove the net. The construction schedule depends on safe weather conditions.

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