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## Traffic Shift on Benicia-Martinez Bridge

**Benicia** - Starting Friday night, August 15, and continuing through Saturday morning, August 16, southbound traffic on the Benicia-Martinez Bridge will be gradually shifted onto the east side of the bridge. The shift will enable construction crews to start working on the west side of the bridge. Some lane closures and detours will be needed in order to safely shift the traffic.

**Southbound I-680** will reduce to one lane starting at 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 15, and will be fully reopened to three lanes no later than 6:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

The connector ramp from **eastbound I-780 to southbound I-680** will close completely at 9 p.m. Friday, August 15, and will reopen, with one lane only, no later than 6:00 am Saturday morning. See attached advisory for detour information.

The **Marina Vista off-ramp** will close completely at 9:00 pm, and will reopen no later than 5:00 a.m. Monday morning, August 18.

Traffic on the new northbound bridge will not be affected.

When the project finishes in autumn of 2009, there will be four southbound lanes with wide shoulders on either side. In addition, on the far right hand side, there will be a two-way bicycle and pedestrian path.

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