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## Traffic Shift on I-580/U.S. 101 Connector Ramp

**San Rafael** – On Saturday morning, September 18, 2010, Caltrans will institute another traffic shift on the westbound I-580/Northbound 101 connector ramp in Marin County.

Westbound 580 traffic will be redirected back on to the newly-constructed Bellam Boulevard Overpass. From there, traffic will proceed onto the newly widened northbound Bellam on-ramp, and will then merge on to the mainline of U.S. Route 101.

The reconfiguration will allow construction crews to finish building the newly elevated and flatter mainline from westbound I-580. Many motorists have already noticed the elevated and flattened on-ramp from Bellam. The task now is to make the 580 mainline conform to the same elevation and shape of the on ramp. When finished, both the mainline and the on ramp will have significantly improved sight-lines.

The new configuration will have a shorter merge than that which is currently in place. Traffic will be more congested than it has been recently. Commuters should expect increased delays.

This new configuration will be in place for approximately five weeks. Once finished, the new, permanent configuration will be opened to traffic.

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