

FACT SHEET

Scofield Avenue and Western Drive Bridge Deck Replacement Project



Project Location: On Interstate 580 (I-580) at the east approach to the Richmond - San Rafael Bridge, in the City of Richmond, in Contra Costa County.

Scope: Replace highway bridge decks at the Scofield Avenue Undercrossing and at the Western Drive Undercrossing. The Scofield Avenue Undercrossing consists of two bridges: I-580 eastbound traveled way/Western Drive eastbound on-ramp and the westbound I-580 traveled way. The Western Drive Undercrossing consists of one bridge: westbound I-580 traveled way.

Need: These freeway bridge decks have deteriorated and must be replaced.

Purpose: To maintain serviceability of the bridges, as well as safety of the travelling public.

Overall Status: The contract was awarded to Myers and Sons (MSC) in early 2013. Work started in March 2013 and the project is currently in Stage 1 – Phase 3. In early June 2013 the westbound Interstate 580 bridge deck just east of the Richmond-San Rafael Toll Plaza was closed. Westbound traffic lanes were shifted across the median to the eastbound bridge deck. After this traffic shift, there are two westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes on the eastbound bridge. The eastbound I-580 Western Drive on-ramp will be closed for up to 90 days. Construction zone speed limit of 45 MPH is being enforced by the California Highway Patrol.

- o Eastbound On-ramp Detour: During the hours between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., vehicles 3/4 ton or less are using the existing bicycle facility that runs underneath I-580.
- o A flagger directs traffic, and a pilot vehicle leads vehicles to eastbound I-580. The pilot vehicle then returns to the bike facility entrance where the flagger is stationed.
- o Larger vehicles and trucks, however, travel westbound across the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, exit at the San Quentin interchange, turn left at the end of the off-ramp, and turn left at the on-ramp to eastbound I-580. The detour across the bridge and back is about 9 miles long.

Project Schedule:

- Construction started March 29, 2013 and is scheduled to be complete by December 2013.

Funding: The total cost of the project is about \$24 million, and approximately \$18 million is programmed for construction. The funding source is the 2010 State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP).

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