

# 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:** The scope of the project is to replace highway bridge decks at the Scofield Avenue Undercrossing and 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. Field inspection indicated the bridges are in poor to critical condition.

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

**Status:** The project staging is currently in Stage 1 – Phase 3. Westbound traffic has been shifted to the eastbound deck with 2 lanes open to traffic in each direction and Western Drive has been closed for construction (Some minor revisions were done during Construction and will be posted to the website once received.)

**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).

**Issues of Note:** 1) The project will require closure of the Western Drive eastbound on ramp. The contract specifies that the closure may be a one-time 90-day closure. During the closure of the ramp, passenger vehicles (3/4 ton and less) will use an existing bicycle facility as a detour. A pilot vehicle will lead the vehicles between the hours of 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., and large vehicles and trucks will be detoured west across the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and back. 2) For safety reasons, cyclists will not be permitted to ride along the outside freeway shoulders during construction. There will be a daily bicycle shuttle service from I-580/Marine Street Interchange and Western Drive west of Caltrans Maintenance Station, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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