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Traffic Shift for U.S. Highway 101 in Marin County

San Rafael – One of the most significant milestones of the U.S. Highway 101 Gap Closure Project in Marin County will be reached this Saturday morning, June 7, 2008, when Caltrans opens the new southbound lanes to traffic.

The new southbound lanes are located just to the west of the existing lanes. Once they are open, traffic in both directions will have to be “shifted” – southbound traffic will be routed onto the new lanes, while northbound traffic will be shifted onto the existing southbound lanes.

In addition to the new lanes, the “short merge” from southbound 101 to eastbound I-580, which has been in place for the past three weeks, will be eliminated with the opening of one of the new lanes. In addition, a new and much-improved off ramp to Anderson Drive and Francisco Boulevard West will open to traffic.

In order to open the lanes smoothly and safely, southbound 101 must be closed, starting Friday night, June 6, at 11:00 p.m. Traffic will be detoured onto Mission, then to Third Street, then to Anderson, and then to Sir Francis Drake, and finally back onto Highway 101. The detour route will be clearly marked. The closure will be lifted no later than 7:00 am Saturday morning. A similar closure will be in place Saturday night through Sunday morning for northbound traffic. Motorists will take the Bellam off-ramp, turn left on East Francisco, then west on Mission, and back onto the freeway. The highway will reopen no later than seven a.m.

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