



# PROJECT UPDATE

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## **Interstate 580 Scofield Avenue and Western Drive Bridge Decks Replacement Project**

**Contra Costa County** – On June 2<sup>nd</sup> Caltrans closed the westbound Interstate 580 bridge decks just east of the Richmond-San Rafael Toll Plaza and shifted westbound traffic across the median to the eastbound bridge deck. There are currently two westbound lanes and two eastbound lanes open in the construction zone. Prior to the traffic shift, Caltrans also closed the eastbound I-580 Western Drive on-ramp. This on-ramp will remain closed for this traffic configuration.

Please note that the construction zone speed limit of 45 MPH will be enforced by the California Highway Patrol.

If you are driving from Richmond to San Rafael and do not exit at Western Drive, you will not be detoured or be affected by the closure of the eastbound Western Drive on-ramp toward Richmond. The detour information only applies if you exit from the freeway to Western Drive.

The following information applies for motorists who travel on Western Drive:

- In order to complete the traffic shift, **the eastbound I-580 Western Drive on-ramp will be closed for about 90 days.**
  - **Eastbound On-ramp Detour:** During the hours between 5:30 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., cars and trucks (load rating  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton or less) may use the existing bicycle facility that runs underneath I-580.
  - A flagger will direct traffic, and a pilot vehicle will lead vehicles to eastbound I-580. The pilot vehicle will then return to the bike facility entrance where the flagger is stationed.
  - Larger vehicles and trucks, however, will travel westbound across the Richmond-San Rafael bridge, exit at the San Quentin interchange, turn left





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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.

## Current Status as of End of June 2013:

- Poured first section of westbound 580 Western Bridge on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- Westbound 580 Scofield Bridge demolition work completed on June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
- Westbound 580 Scofield Bridge form work completed on June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## Ongoing Work as of End of June 2013:

- Deck pour continuing on westbound 580 Western Bridge.
- Blasting and painting on top flange of the girder continuing on westbound 580 Scofield Bridge.
- Installing studs on westbound 580 Scofield Bridge.
- Demo crews working on Western on ramp.

## Upcoming Work and Events

- Closure pour on Western Bridge.
- Stud installation, sand blasting, painting, deck elevation survey and reinforcing on westbound 580 Scofield Bridge.
- Pour deck on WB 580 Scofield Bridge (1<sup>ST</sup> Section).
- Demo and forming on Western on ramp.

## Project Schedule:

- Construction started March 29, 2013 and is scheduled to be complete by December 2013.
- Contractor to open three lanes on westbound 580 to traffic in late August 2013.

This work is weather dependent. If it is delayed due to weather conditions, work will be rescheduled. Please drive cautiously through the construction zone and leave a safe traveling distance between your vehicle and the vehicle ahead of you. Please remember to "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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