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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **CALTRANS BEGINS CONSTRUCTION OF THE I-80 EASTBOUND HOV LANE EXTENSION IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**Contra Costa County** – Construction activities have begun for the Interstate 80 (I-80) eastbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension project, from west of the State Route 4 Interchange in Hercules to east of the Cummings Skyway Overcrossing.

Next week the Caltrans contractor will shift the striping for lanes on eastbound I-80, and there will be various lane closures Tuesday, December 1 through Friday, December 4, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Construction activities and various lane closures will continue Monday, December 7 through Friday, December 11, from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

During these construction activities there will also be temporary ramp closures as necessary for the westbound State Route 4 to eastbound I-80 on-ramp and for the eastbound I-80 Willow Ave off-ramp.

**SR 4 to eastbound I-80 detour:** Continue on John Muir Parkway. Turn right on San Pablo Avenue and continue to Willow Ave. Turn right and continue on Willow Avenue to the I-80 eastbound on-ramp.

**Eastbound I-80 Willow Ave. off-ramp detour:** Continue to the Cummings Skyway off-ramp. Turn left on Cummings Skyway. Take the on-ramp to I-80 westbound. Continue on I-80 and exit at the Willow Ave. off-ramp.

California Highway Patrol will be onsite during the lane closures. Activities are weather dependent.

The 4.1 mile-long project will widen eastbound I-80 to add an HOV lane from just west of the State Route 4 interchange to 0.43 miles east of Cummings Skyway Overcrossing. Other improvements include the widening of the eastbound Willow Ave. undercrossing, construction of a new bridge for the eastbound Willow off-ramp, realignment of ramps, construction of retaining walls, and installation of new sign structures, lighting, sign illumination, and planting and permanent erosion control.





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The project is funded through the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's Regional Measure 2. On October 22 the construction contract was awarded to Ghilotti Brothers, Inc., for the bid amount of \$22.4 million. The extension of the HOV lane will promote carpooling and reduce travel delay for motorists.

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