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## **Caltrans to Close San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Throughout Labor Day Weekend**

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA**– Caltrans is urging travelers who will be making a trip to the San Francisco Bay Area during Labor Day weekend to plan ahead, choose an alternate route now, and allow plenty of extra travel time because the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge will be closed.

The bridge will be shut down from 8 p.m., August 28, until 5 a.m., September 3, while workers take the bridge's original East Span out of service and open the new bridge to traffic. Anyone interested in more details about the closure should visit <http://baybridgeinfo.org/>, or call 511 for traffic updates or visit <http://511.org/> to find out which other Bay Area bridges are available as detour routes.

Nearly 300,000 motorists daily cross the iconic bridge that connects San Francisco with Oakland, Berkeley, and other East Bay cities.

Thanks to the public heeding previous warnings, Caltrans successfully closed the bridge without significant traffic backups during Labor Day weekends in 2006, 2007, and 2009. Taking advantage of historically light traffic on the bridge during the holiday weekend helps minimize disruptions to motorists, residents, and businesses.

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