

VTANEWS

ATTENTION ASSIGNMENT/COMMUNITY/CITY EDITORS:

NB I-280 to NB I-880 Connector Ramp Opens Monday, April 13 *press availability starting at 5 a.m. on site*

San Jose, Calif. - On Monday, April 13 at 5 a.m., commuters in the South Bay will have a brand new direct connector (flyover ramp) to access from northbound I-280 to northbound I-880. No longer will freeway travelers need to mix with local Stevens Creek Boulevard traffic at one of the biggest highway interchanges in San Jose.

WHAT: The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), in partnership with Caltrans, will open the new NB I-280 to NB I-880 flyover ramp.

A VTA Media Spokesperson will be available on site to provide information and conduct interviews.

WHEN: **Monday, April 13, 2015, 5:00 - 8:00 a.m.**

WHERE: Parkmoor Avenue at the MacArthur Avenue overcrossing over I-280
<https://www.google.com/maps/@37.3183979,-121.9362089,17z?hl=en>

When the flyover opens Monday morning, commuters will encounter two separate exit ramps from northbound I-280. The first serves traffic traveling from northbound I-280 headed to State Route 17 or the new flyover ramp to northbound I-880. Those who want to exit to Stevens Creek Boulevard will use the second ramp and will no longer have to compete with freeway traffic movements (see map).

Additionally, with new flyover ramp in operation, the lane to northbound I-880 will change from being on the left side of the exit ramp and will now be to the right. Travelers headed to State Route 17 (southbound I-880) from northbound I-280 will stay to the left exit lane on the new ramp.

This is the last major milestone for the I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Improvements Project that broke ground in fall 2012. Three newly rebuilt ramps opened before last year's peak holiday shopping season which helped traffic flow better near the Westfield Valley Fair and Santana Row shopping centers.

Final striping and moving of safety barriers will take place starting Sunday, April 12 at 10 p.m. which will result in roadway and ramp closures until the new flyover is ready to open at 5 a.m. Monday.

Drivers are advised to slow down and follow the signage to prevent last minute or unsafe movements while getting used to the new flyover ramp.

Construction crews will be making final touches to the area over the next few weeks that include finalizing the Stevens Creek Boulevard bridge widening and the dedicated Monroe Street access road. When finally complete, sidewalks in the area will be a minimum of seven feet in width, pedestrians will have safer intersections, and bicyclists will have new, eight-foot wide bike lanes.

I-280/I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard Interchange Improvements Project

The project proposes to improve traffic flow, safety and access between the Interstate 280 (I-280) and Interstate 880 (I-880) freeway corridors near Stevens Creek Boulevard, including modifications to the freeway-to-freeway intersection of I-280/I-880 freeway interchange, as well as the adjacent interchanges at I-880/Stevens Creek Boulevard.

About VTA

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible, and promote the vitality of our region. VTA is responsible for bus, light rail and paratransit operations and also serves as the county's congestion management agency. As such, VTA is responsible for countywide transportation planning, including congestion management issues, specific highway improvement projects, pedestrian and bicycle improvement projects, and provides these services throughout the county, including the municipalities of Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga and Sunnyvale. VTA continually builds partnerships to deliver transportation solutions that meet the evolving mobility needs of Santa Clara County.

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