



NEWS RELEASE

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CALTRANS TO ACTIVATE RAMP METERS ON ROUTE 85

San Jose – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has announced that ramp meters in the southbound direction of State Route 85, between Almaden Expressway and Cottle Road, will start cycling from red to green on Tuesday, January 27.

The new ramp metering operations will include the SB87 to SB85 connectors and will only be operational during evening peak periods from 3 P.M to 7 P.M Monday through Friday.

Southbound Route 85 on-ramps to be activated on January 27 during the PM Peak Period are:

- Almaden Expressway Loop On-Ramp
- Almaden Expressway Diagonal On-Ramp
- Santa Teresa Boulevard Diagonal On-Ramp
- SB87 to SB85 Connector On-ramp
- Blossom Hill Road Loop On-Ramp
- Blossom Hill Road Diagonal On-Ramp
- Cottle Road Loop On-Ramp
- Cottle Diagonal On-Ramp

Caltrans and the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority expect the new ramp metering system to improve travel times during peak periods of heavy traffic along the corridor. Newly activated ramps are expected to experience delays during the first few days of operation. Caltrans staff will be monitoring the queues and will be making adjustments in the field as they fine-tune the metering operations.

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