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## **Repairs to Richmond-San Rafael Fenders Completed Early and Under Budget**

**San Rafael** – Caltrans today announced that the repairs to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge fenders have been completed three weeks early, and under budget. Originally, scheduled to be completed on June 1, the fender repairs were completed yesterday.

On January 10, the oil barge Cascade crashed into the fenders of Pier 35 on the bridge. No oil was spilled, but the damage to the fenders was extensive.

Caltrans engineers inspected the damage, drew up repair plans, and awarded an emergency repair contract to California Engineering Contractors, the same company that repaired the damaged fenders on the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge.

The emergency contract authorized expenditures of up to \$6 million. The final cost is just under \$3 million. When the repairs started, engineers expected to finish on or about June 1. Low tides allowed the contractor to pour concrete more frequently and the concrete to set.

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