

Interstate-80 Solano Ramp Metering Project

Frequency Asked Questions (FAQs)

Where are the ramp meters being installed?

Caltrans and its project partners are installing ramp meters on Interstate 80 at various onramp locations between Vallejo and Dixon.

What are the specific locations?

Ramp meters have been installed at nine onramps in Fairfield as part of Stage 1 of the I-80 Solano Ramp Metering Project. They include the following locations along eastbound I-80:

1. Eastbound I-80 and Red Top Road
2. Eastbound I-80 and Highway 12
3. Eastbound I-80 and Suisun Valley Road/Pittman Road
4. Eastbound I-80 and Chadbourne Road/Suisun Parkway
5. Eastbound I-80 and Auto Mall Parkway
6. Eastbound I-80 and Beck Avenue
7. Eastbound I-80 and Travis Boulevard
8. Eastbound I-80 and Air Base Parkway/Waterman Boulevard
9. Eastbound I-80 and North Texas Street/Manuel Campos Parkway

When are these ramp meters going to be in operation?

The ramp meters in Fairfield will be activated on February 18, 2014.

What happens when they are activated? What should I do?

The ramp meters in Fairfield will remain on green starting February 18, 2014 until February 21, 2014. After February 21, 2014, the meters will remain green under typical weekday freeway conditions, except when they will cycle (operate) red-green on Fridays. Drivers entering I-80 where there are activated ramp meters should stop at red and wait until the metering light turns green to enter I-80.

What if the ramp meter is not yet working, such as during the weekends?

If the meters are not in operation, you should enter I-80 as you would if they were not there.

What else should I know about ramp meter operations?

Under typical congestion conditions, the meters will remain green Mondays through Thursdays. They will cycle red-green on Fridays. Caltrans will monitor conditions. In the event of traffic congestion, an

emergency or emergency freeway closure, Caltrans will determine the appropriate setting for ramp meters. Be aware as you approach ramp meters as you may need to stop. Also, you should watch for “METER ON” warning signs. These signs warn motorists of approaching slowdowns at metered on-ramps.

Who made the decision to activate ramp meters in Solano County?

Caltrans and its project partners, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), the Solano Highways Partnership (SoHIP), and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are continuing to work closely on planning, construction, and operation of I-80 ramp meters in Solano County. Caltrans and the MTC are also activating ramp meters at other locations throughout the Bay Area.

What is SoHIP?

SoHIP is short for the Solano Highways Partnership. SoHIP is a partnership of all the Solano County cities along I-80, as well as the County of Solano. These cities include Dixon, Fairfield, Vacaville, and Vallejo. These SoHIP members are working closely with Caltrans, STA and MTC throughout every stage of the project.

What is ramp metering? How will it benefit me?

Ramp metering is a traffic management strategy, which uses traffic signals and accompanying equipment and techniques to manage onramp flow onto the freeway system.

When will the ramp meters in Vacaville, Vallejo and Dixon be turned on?

The I-80 ramp meters in Vacaville, Vallejo and Dixon are part of stages 2 and 3. The meters in Vacaville and Vallejo which are in stage 2 will be tentatively activated in 2015. Stage 3 which include the remaining meters in Vacaville, Vallejo and a few meters in Dixon and beyond will be activated at a later date. That date has not yet been determined.

Where can I go online to get the latest project information and traffic information?

For additional project information, including maps, pictures and other project-related information, visit us at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/>

For the latest traffic information, follow us on Twitter at: <https://mobile.twitter.com/CaltransD4>

Is there someone I can contact if I have additional questions?

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