



TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project Work Begins

Santa Clara County—The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will partner with Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and begin work this week to construct auxiliary lanes in each direction for a 3.2 mile segment of U.S. 101 between State Route 85 in Mountain View and Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto. This will enhance safety along the corridor by allowing drivers a safe way to merge into traffic while also preventing congestion caused by drivers attempting to enter or exit the freeway.

The project will also extend existing second high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction, widen the southbound Oregon Expressway on-ramp, add a lane on the southbound Old Middlefield Way on-ramp and install ramp meters on the northbound Amphitheatre Parkway and San Antonio Road.

Construction activities will be conducted primarily during the day behind concrete railings and will not require lane or ramp closures. Nighttime lane and ramp closures will end before 5:00 a.m. on weekdays and 8:00 a.m. on weekends. **Caltrans will always provide at least one open lane in both directions of travel.** The project is expected to be completed by mid-2014; however, auxiliary and high-occupancy lanes will be completed and open to the public by late summer 2013.

Advance warning changeable message signs and detour signs will be posted to assist motorists during closures. Caltrans appreciates your patience as we improve California's highways.

For more information on the project you can visit our project website:
www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/scl101auxlanes/

