

TRAFFIC ADVISORY: Overnight Closure of Eastbound and Westbound I-80 between San Pablo Avenue and San Pablo Dam Road Night of Saturday, August 20th to Sunday, August 21st, 2016

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San Pablo, CA – A full overnight closure of eastbound and westbound Interstate 80 between San Pablo Avenue and San Pablo Dam Road is scheduled for Saturday, August 20th from 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 21st.

Impacts to local and regional traffic are expected. Motorists are advised to plan ahead and allow extra drive time.

The temporary nighttime closure is a continuation of the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road Interchange Reconstruction Project led by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) in partnership with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the City of San Pablo.

The first phase of the project will relocate the El Portal Drive onramp to westbound I-80 to the north, extend the auxiliary lane along westbound I-80 between the San Pablo Dam Road off-ramp and the El Portal Drive on-ramp, and reconstruct the Riverside Avenue pedestrian overcrossing.

These nighttime closures are essential to motorist and public safety. Now that the roadway deck has been poured for a new pedestrian overcrossing at Riverside Avenue, which will replace the current overcrossing, these closures will enable crews to remove the falsework (support structures) that were previously constructed. When complete later this year, the new overcrossing will extend across Amador Street, enhancing safety for Riverside Elementary School students and the community.

Detour Routes

Local traffic will be detoured to San Pablo Avenue. Regional traffic is advised to use State Route 4 or Interstate 780 to Interstate 680 and State Route 24 to detour around the closure area. See detour maps at ccta.net/sanpablodamroad.

About the I-80/San Pablo Dam Road Interchange Reconstruction

The Interstate 80/San Pablo Dam Road interchange provides access between residential areas north and east of the interchange and Bay Area employment centers. The first phase of the project will relocate the El Portal Drive on-ramp to westbound I-80 to the north, extend the auxiliary lane along westbound I-80 between the San Pablo Dam Road off-ramp and the El Portal Drive on-ramp, and reconstruct the Riverside Avenue pedestrian overcrossing. The second phase of the project, which is currently under development, includes replacing the existing San Pablo Dam Road bridge in phases that will keep traffic flowing, by building one side of the bridge, moving traffic to it, demolishing the old bridge, and then building the other side. The final product will be a safer and more accessible interchange for years to come, not just for drivers but for pedestrians and bicyclists as well.

Benefits of the overall project include improved traffic operations, reduced traffic congestion, efficient and safe bicycle/pedestrian access at the interchange, and the accommodation of future traffic volumes on San Pablo Dam Road. The \$118.8 million project is being constructed by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority in partnership with

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Caltrans, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, and the City of San Pablo. For more information, please visit ccta.net/sanpablodamroad or call the project hotline at (510) 277-0444.

About CCTA

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is a public agency formed by Contra Costa voters in 1988 to manage the county's transportation sales tax program and oversee countywide transportation planning efforts. CCTA is responsible for planning, funding and delivering critical transportation infrastructure projects and programs that connect our communities, foster a strong economy, increase sustainability, and safely and efficiently get people where they need to go. CCTA also serves as the county's designated Congestion Management Agency, responsible for putting programs in place to keep traffic levels manageable. More information about CCTA is available at ccta.net.

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