



I-880 Express Lanes Construction Update May 8, 2020

Project Overview

The I-880 express lanes between Oakland and Milpitas are scheduled to open Fall 2020. Nearly all civil construction work has been completed. Between now and opening day, crews will continue to install and test toll system equipment. They will also pave, lay new lane striping, and install express lane signs. View the project fact sheet [here](#).

Lane Paving & Striping

On May 6th, crews began final paving work in areas where I-880 was widened to accommodate more space for entering and exiting the express lanes. These areas are southbound Hesperian Blvd. to Winton Ave., southbound Alvarado-Niles Rd. to Alvarado Blvd., northbound near the truck scales at Auto Mall Parkway, and northbound near Tennyson Rd. All remaining paving work will be completed in June.

At the end of May, crews will start painting new lane striping between the far-left HOV lane (lane 1) and the adjacent general-purpose lane (lane 2). This work will occur from just after Memorial Day to just before the Fourth of July. More information about the lane striping will be provided in our next construction update.

Other Current Work

Crews continue to install, connect and test tolling equipment and connect fiber cable for traffic monitoring on the corridor. Drivers may see messages on the Variable Toll Messaging Signs (VTMS) or flashing enforcement beacons and may hear their toll tags beep. Drivers will not be charged tolls as the tolling equipment is in "non-tolling" testing-only mode.

At various locations throughout the corridor, electrical crews are directional boring, hand digging and trenching at freeway shoulders to install the communications equipment that will monitor traffic in the corridor. This work is scheduled to be completed in August 2020.

What To Expect

- Enforcement beacons flashing "1, 2 or 3" for testing
- VTMS displaying testing messages (e.g., "TEST 1")
- Shoulder lane closures during the day
- Intermittent nighttime lane and shoulder closures (up to 3 lanes for paving work)
- Construction equipment on shoulders
- Nighttime construction lighting in the median and on shoulders
- Nighttime noise from pavement compactors and vehicle back-up alarms
- Small potential of toll tag beeping for cars with FasTrak® toll tags

Future Work of Note

- In late May, crews will begin striping new lane configurations on I-880
- Electrical work at various locations throughout the corridor
- Continued installation of toll system equipment
- Toll system equipment testing

Progress to Date

- Near full completion of civil construction
- Installed 80% of tolling equipment and 22 of 29 VTMS
- Installed median lights
- Tested all median lights
- Installed overhead sign structures and static signs
- Reconstructed median barrier
- Widened highway in three locations
- The Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority – MTC’s committee that makes decisions about express lane policies – approved [tolling policies](#) for the I-880 corridor
- Installed conduit and electrical cabinets to power tolling equipment and facilitate data transfer



Installing Toll System Communications Equipment



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