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580/101 Connector Project Construction Bulletin

WB 580 to NB 101 Connector, Bellam Blvd., and East Francisco Blvd. Improvements

The 580/101 Connector Project will rebuild the connector from westbound (WB) 580 to northbound (NB) 101, including replacement of the bridge on WB 580 over Bellam Blvd., an auxiliary lane for the WB 580 Offramp to Bellam Blvd., and improvements to the pedestrian facilities along Bellam and Francisco Boulevards in San Rafael.

Construction on the 580/101 Connector Project was ready to begin in December 2009, but work has been postponed until April, 2010 in order to minimize impacts to the traveling public during the rainy season. By pushing major construction operations back a few months, the likelihood of construction delays due to inclement weather is greatly reduced. This will ultimately shorten the overall duration of construction activities.

Although work will not begin on the roadway or structures until the spring, trees and vegetation will need to be cut down within the next two weeks to prevent birds and animals from nesting within the project limits prior to construction.

Lane closures on WB 580, the WB 580 Offramp to Bellam Blvd, as well as the WB 580 Onramp from Bellam will be required to facilitate tree cutting and clearing. These closures will occur at night during low traffic volume hours and are set to begin the evening of Wednesday, January 13, weather permitting. Four nights of closures are anticipated to complete the tree cutting and clearing operations. The right lane and shoulder of WB 580 and Offramp to Bellam will be closed for the first two nights of work, and the WB 580 Onramp from Bellam will be closed the following two nights. Clearly marked detours will be put into place for motorists.

Construction area signs and detour signs are also being installed within the vicinity of the project during January and February.

Please contact Robert Haus, Caltrans Public Information Officer, with your questions/concerns about the 580/101 Connector Project. Mr. Haus can be reached at 510.286.5576 during normal business hours. We will do our best to minimize public inconveniences and keep you updated throughout the duration of construction.

Thank you in advance for your patience during this project,

-Caltrans Construction Staff