



I-880 Express Lanes Construction Update June 12, 2020

Striping & Sign Changes through mid-July

Project Overview

MTC is readying the <u>I-880 Express Lanes</u> to open Fall 2020.

Striping & Sign Changes through mid-July

Work crews have been striping new lane configurations on I-880 and work will continue through mid-July. The new lane striping is being painted between the far-left HOV lane (lane 1) and the adjacent general-purpose lane (lane 2).

The new striping will be a significant change for drivers in the I-880 corridor. Double solid white lines designate where cars can get in or out of the far-left lane. The striping also creates buffers between lanes 1 and 2 in some areas to help cars merge more safely into or out of lane 1. The striping will improve lane performance and lane safety by managing merging traffic in congested areas.

Striping changes are effective immediately and apply 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.







Lane 1 exit buffer near Auto Mall Parkway, northbound I-880 Lane 1 entrance buffer near Auto Mall Parkway, northbound I-880

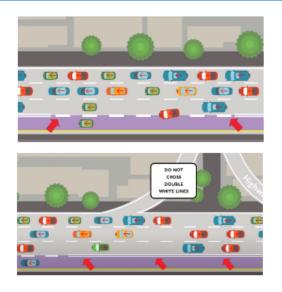
As the striping is painted, signs explaining where to exit the far the left lane to reach different highway exits will be installed. Drivers will need to learn where they can enter and exit the lanes by following the new highway signs and by going to <u>511.org</u>.



Schedule

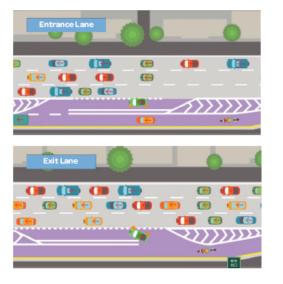
Striping work will occur intermittently in both the southbound and northbound directions through mid-July, Monday nights/Tuesday mornings through Friday nights/Saturday mornings from 8 p.m. to 5 a.m., with two to five miles completed each night. While at least one lane in either direction will be open at all times, as many as three lanes may be closed at some times.

Striping Changes



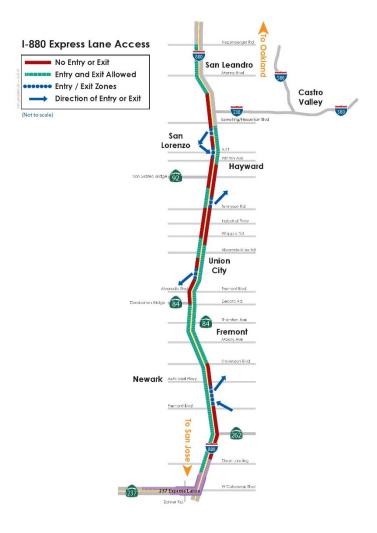
Dashed white lines show where it is OK to merge into or out of the express lanes.

Double white lines show where it is illegal to merge into or out of the express lanes.



Entrance and exit lanes provide a buffer between the express lane and the next lane to help cars move into or out of the express lanes.

Striping Locations



New Signs

Many new express lane signs are also being installed, but their messages will be covered up until a few weeks before the express lane opening date.



What to Expect

- Consistent nighttime closures of up to 3 lanes for 2 to 5 mile stretches
- At least one traffic lane will be open in each direction at all times
- Significant changes to traffic patterns between the 1 & 2 lanes

Paving work will also occur northbound near Tennyson Rd.

Future Work of Note

- Final installation of express lane signs starting ~3 weeks prior to the opening of the lanes
- Removal of sign overlays on existing signs starting ~3 weeks prior to the opening of the lanes
- Removal of HOV lane pavement diamonds and painting EXPRS LANE

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



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