



## I-880 Express Lanes Construction Update March 12, 2020

### Project Overview

The I-880 express lanes between Oakland and Milpitas are scheduled to open late summer 2020. Nearly all civil construction work has been completed. Between now and opening day, crews will install, connect and test tolling equipment and connect fiber cable for traffic monitoring on the corridor. View the project fact sheet [here](#).

### Current Work

Corridor lighting will be tested, and lights throughout the corridor will be illuminated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from Fremont Blvd. to Decoto Rd. for a 3-week period starting around March 16th.

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.

The toll system integration team has installed 22 of 29 overhead variable toll messaging signs (VTMS) to date. Crews continue to install tolling equipment (e.g., toll tag readers) and pull cable for data and power. Crews will continue testing the tolling equipment during the day. Drivers may see messages on the 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" mode.

### What To Expect

- Illuminated lighting from Fremont Blvd. to Decoto Rd. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for a 3-week period
- Enforcement beacons flashing "1, 2 or 3"
- VTMS displaying testing messages (e.g., "TEST 1")
- Shoulder lane closures during the day
- Intermittent nighttime lane and shoulder closures
- Construction equipment on shoulders
- Nighttime construction lighting in the medians and on shoulders
- Nighttime noise from drilling and vehicle back-up alarms
- Small potential of toll tag beeping for cars with FasTrak® toll tags

### Future Work of Note

- Electrical work at various locations throughout the corridor
- Paving and striping will be completed where crews widened the highway near CHP truck scales in Fremont
- Continued installation of variable toll messaging signs
- Toll system equipment testing

### Progress to Date

- Near full completion of civil construction
- Installed 65% of tolling equipment and 22 of 29 VTMS

- Installed median lights
- Partially tested 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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