



THE SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE SEISMIC SAFETY PROJECTS

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FULL BAY BRIDGE CLOSURE LABOR DAY WEEKEND

8:00 pm Friday Evening, August 31 until 5:00 am Tuesday Morning, September 4

The San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge will be closed over Labor Day weekend 2007 in order to perform important seismic safety work on a section of the bridge east of the Yerba Buena Island Tunnel.

A 350-ft. section of roadway has been constructed on a moveable support system south of the bridge. After the bridge has been closed to traffic, the original section of roadway will be demolished and the debris removed. Tracks will then be laid across the lower deck and the new structure will be rolled into position. When the bridge reopens to traffic, motorists will probably not notice any visible difference. However, they will be driving on a seismically upgraded roadway that will eventually connect to the bridge's new East Span, currently under construction. The Bay Bridge has served commuters for 70 years. A series of massive retrofit projects is now bringing it up to current earthquake standards.

Closures will affect travel between San Francisco and Oakland. Transit agencies have expanded service in order to accommodate mobility around the Bay Area during the closures.

Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) will be running hourly overnight service to select stations throughout the weekend. Alameda-Oakland, Vallejo Baylink, and Golden Gate ferries will be augmenting daytime service. Yerba Buena Island/Treasure Island residents, employees, and visitors will be granted access to and from San Francisco by special permit.

The closure also provides the opportunity to place new FasTrak-only lanes at the Bay Bridge Toll Plaza and to perform other maintenance and construction work without risk to the public.

Caltrans Spokesperson for the Bay Bridge, Bart Ney, will facilitate construction site access to media throughout the construction operation. A press conference will be held for the completion of the work and the re-opening of the Bridge.

BayBridgeInfo.org features information, traffic updates, photos and videos of the Bay Bridge Seismic Safety Projects.