



# THE SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE SEISMIC SAFETY PROJECTS

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### WESTBOUND DECK OF BAY BRIDGE TO CLOSE DURING PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND

#### Drivers Will Experience a Slight Alignment Change After the Bridge Reopens

**Oakland, January 17, 2012** – The westbound deck of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge will be closed during Presidents' Day weekend 2012. Construction of a slight detour near the toll plaza will require the upper deck heading into San Francisco to be closed from 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17 to 5 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. Eastbound traffic will have full access to the bridge during the closure.

Weather could slow construction and delay the reopening of the westbound deck, which will remain closed until this essential operation is completed. Get the latest construction and closure updates at [BayBridgeInfo.org](http://BayBridgeInfo.org), and the latest information on transit and transportation options at [511.org](http://511.org).

Westbound drivers will experience a slightly different approach to the bridge after Presidents' Day weekend. While speed limits will remain the same, drivers heading toward San Francisco should be prepared for a slight detour as they approach the upper deck.

During the closure, motorists are encouraged to take public transit and/or alternate driving routes. Transit options will include overnight BART service at select stations and additional ferries; AC Transit will not be providing Transbay Service. Motorists should allow extra time for travel and use of other bridges, including the Golden Gate Bridge, the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge and the Dumbarton Bridge.

By implementing this detour, along with an eastbound detour that was installed during Memorial Day weekend in 2011, the entire bridge will open to the public earlier than previously scheduled. The detours will allow construction crews to work between the existing and new bridges to complete the new eastbound lanes, which is not possible without the traffic realignment. The current westbound lanes are in the path of the new bridge's eastbound lanes. Without the detours, eastbound traffic would have stayed on the original bridge for about six months after westbound traffic traveled on the new bridge.

For more information about the eastbound detour, visit [BayBridgeInfo.org/otd\\_detour](http://BayBridgeInfo.org/otd_detour).

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Discover more information about the Oakland Touchdown Detour by scanning the QR tag. The tag can be scanned using a smartphone or other personal media device using QR reader apps that are available online.

