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## Caltrans begins Fix50 Project to rehabilitate W-X Viaduct

*Caltrans rebuilding top deck of US Highway 50 between I-5 and Hwy 99 in Sacramento*

SACRAMENTO – Caltrans began closing lanes at 9pm yesterday to prepare for construction, and officially started work at 12am today to rebuild the top deck of the W-X Viaduct, which is the elevated section of U.S. Highway 50 between Interstate 5 and U.S. Highway 99 in Sacramento. The project began with the eastbound side.

**Project Schedule:** The eastbound side will be resurfaced in two phases, with half of the eastbound lanes closed at a time for construction. The westbound side will then follow the same pattern with half of the westbound lanes closed in each of two phases:

### Eastbound U.S. Highway 50:

Phase 1: April 22 thru May 6

Phase 2: May 7 thru May 21

### Westbound U.S. Highway 50:

Phase 1: May 27 thru June 10

Phase 2: June 11 thru June 25

Major congestion is expected throughout the region, including on other area highways and surface streets. Motorists are strongly encouraged to use alternate transportation whenever possible to help reduce congestion. The best way to bypass congestion is to take Light Rail, or avoid any unnecessary trips. For shorter trips, residents are encouraged to leave their car at home and walk or ride a bike. Other options that can help reduce congestion and wait times include:

- Take the bus: (Sacramento RT, YoloBus, Elk Grove e-tran, North Natomas Flyer, Placer County Transit, Yuba Sutter Transit, or El Dorado Transit)
- Capitol Corridor train service from Yolo County and Placer County. Discounts are available from Yolo Transit on the Capitol Corridor Trains between Davis and Sacramento during peak hours at [yolobus.com](http://yolobus.com).
- Carpool / Vanpool
- Adjust work schedules to avoid rush hour or telecommute
- Patronize local businesses after work to avoid rush hour and reduce car trips.

Motorists can sign up to receive project updates via text alerts, email or social media; and can link to local transit agencies at [Fix50.com](http://Fix50.com).

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**Alternate Routes:** Alternate routes will vary depending on when and where motorists are travelling, with eastbound traffic being affected in the first stage and westbound in the second stage. Motorists are highly encouraged to plan their alternate routes ahead of time. Links to alternate transportation options and alternate routes are available at [Fix50.com/alternate-transportation](http://Fix50.com/alternate-transportation) or by calling 511 or 311.

**About the Project:** The W-X Viaduct is the elevated section of U.S. Highway 50 in Sacramento south of downtown, between 18th and 24th Streets. Although there are no safety problems with the Viaduct currently, age and heavy use have caused extensive wear and cracking. The construction contractor, Myers & Sons Construction of Sacramento, will seal cracks and install a new 4-inch concrete deck on top of the existing deck, and tie it to the girders.

According to Caltrans District 3 Director, Jody Jones, “The project will result in a much smoother ride for motorists. It will also enhance future safety and traffic operations by widening shoulders and installing new joint seals, new concrete barriers and railings, energy-efficient lighting standards, and steel column casings for seismic strengthening.”

**Open for Business:** Residents are encouraged to reduce trips by dining and shopping locally. Special offers are available for local businesses at [www.Fix50.com/open-for-business](http://www.Fix50.com/open-for-business). Downtown businesses wishing to participate in the Fix50 offers can sign up at the same site to get free visibility during construction by submitting an offer/discount. *Open For Business* offers are being promoted on Fix50.com and on Fix 50 social media:

- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/Fix50WX>
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