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Fix50 Eastbound Phase 1 to Finish Early

Construction will begin switching to Eastbound Phase 2 overnight Thursday May 1

SACRAMENTO – The Fix50 project is ahead of schedule. Eastbound Phase 1, which began April 22 to re-surface the inside lanes of Highway 50 between 18th and 24th Streets in Sacramento, will finish 5 days early.

The early completion of Phase 1 means an early start for Eastbound Phase 2 work on the outside lanes. Thursday evening, May 1, crews will begin the process to move traffic from the outside lanes to the inside three lanes, which are in process of being resurfaced with a new concrete deck.

The change-over will begin at approximately 9 p.m. Thursday, and will take all night. It involves sealing and restriping the newly completed inside lanes and moving K-rail barriers. There will also be traffic breaks after midnight to take down the existing overhead sign structure. The full transition will finish by 5 AM Friday morning and will signal the start of Eastbound Phase 2.

Eastbound Phase 2 is expected to still require 15 days to complete. Eastbound Highway 50 was scheduled to be completed and reopen on May 21, but since it is being started early, it is now expected to reopen ahead of schedule. Westbound work will not start until May 27 to accommodate Memorial Day weekend travelers.

On-Ramp and Connector Closures: There are additional traffic restrictions during Eastbound Phase 2 due to additional ramp closures. The following ramps and connectors will be closed throughout Phase 2:

Eastbound Highway 50 On-Ramp closures:

- 11th Street On-Ramp
- 16th Street On-Ramp

Eastbound Highway 50 Connectors to:

- Southbound Highway 99
- Eastbound Business 80 (Capital City Freeway)

Signed detours will be in place to direct traffic around the closures. Motorists are highly encouraged to plan their alternate routes ahead of time and allow additional travel time.

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Hornet Drive Detour: The suggested detour for motorists and commercial vehicles looking to access southbound Highway 99 or eastbound Business 80 from eastbound Highway 50 is to take Eastbound Highway 50 to Exit 9 (marked Howe Ave. / Power Inn Rd.) Stay in the right lane to use the California State University loop exit, which is before Howe/Power Inn. This loop will take drivers onto Hornet Drive, where they can then turn left onto the westbound U.S. Highway 50. Drivers can then proceed on Highway 50 to either Highway 99 or Business 80. Detour signs will direct drivers through the detour. Motorists should allow an extra 10-15 minutes to take the detour in addition to congestion delays going through the Fix50 work zone.

Drivers going to the Sacramento Republic FC's soccer games on May 3 and 17 from eastbound Highway 50 will also need to allow extra time for the detour as well as for traffic congestion from the game.

Additional Congestion: Because of the additional ramp and connector closures, congestion could be worse during Eastbound Phase 2 than in Eastbound Phase 1. 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. Links to alternate transportation options and alternate routes are available at Fix50.com/alternate-transportation or by calling 511 or 311.

The best way to bypass congestion is to take Light Rail, and avoid any unnecessary trips. 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.
- Carpool / Vanpool
- Adjust work schedules to avoid rush hour or telecommute
- If possible, walk or ride a bike. May is Bike Month. See www.mayisbikemonth.com
- Patronize local businesses after work to avoid rush hour and reduce car trips. Special offers are available for local businesses at www.Fix50.com/open-for-business.

Get Project Updates: 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.

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

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