

Thank you project neighbors for your patience! Nighttime work is sometimes necessary to ensure crew and public safety. We heard you that the planned nighttime work was impacting your lives, and here are the steps we have taken to reduce the amount of, and noise related to, nighttime work.

ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE NIGHTTIME WORK

To keep noise generated during nighttime work to a minimum, the following construction activities have taken place:

- **Installation of a temporary embankment** adjacent to South Main Street. This enabled the completion of CIDH (cast-in-drilled-hole) foundation during the day. This work was originally planned to be completed on the highway side of the wall at night behind a lane closure, which cannot occur during the day.
- **Installation of additional construction access** adjacent to the SB I-680 on-ramp from Rudgear Road. This enabled the completion of excavation activities during the day. This work was originally planned to be completed at night under a ramp closure, which cannot occur during the day.

During late October or early November, the following noise generating construction activities are scheduled to take place for a total of one to two nights each, weather permitting:

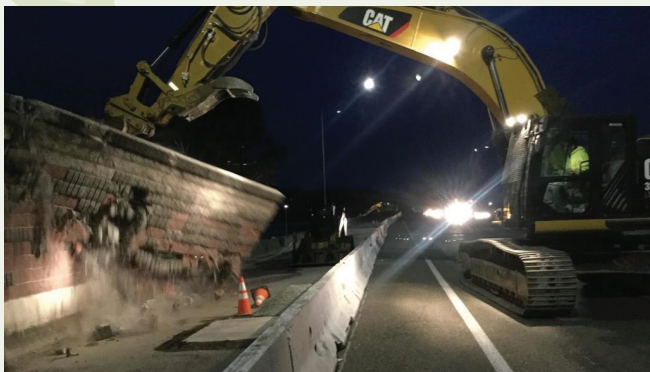
- **Bridge removal** at the South Main Street Undercrossing.
- **Falsework installation** at the South Main Street Undercrossing.

The above short-term construction work is scheduled to occur at nighttime, likely from 8pm to 6am. During these hours, road closures will be in effect, and traffic detours will be provided. Updates will be posted to the project website at 680xpresslanesproject.com and to the project Twitter feed [@SB680xpresslane](https://twitter.com/SB680xpresslane).

Additionally, the SB I-680 on-ramp from South Main Street will be closed for approximately a few weeks during mid-2020. More details on this extended closure will be provided in an upcoming update.



Construction of the temporary embankment at South Main Street



Removal of the existing sound wall for Retaining Wall No. 4 on SB I-680 between the South Main Street Undercrossing and Rudgear Road

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

Construction on this key project is proceeding as planned. Since Spring 2019, the following construction activities have taken place:

- **Completion of highway widening** on SB I-680 at North Main Street.
- **Continued bridge widening** on SB I-680 at South Main Street.
- **Completion of new median concrete barrier** on I-680 from the Rudgear Road Undercrossing to State Route 24 (SR-24) and from State Route 242 (SR-242) to the Benicia-Martinez Bridge.
- **Continued construction of new median concrete barrier** on I-680 from Trinity Avenue to Treat Boulevard.
- **Continued construction of retaining walls** on SB I-680 from the South Main Street Undercrossing to just south of Rudgear Road.

Upon completion of freeway construction, trees, shrubs and vines will be planted to restore landscape aesthetics. CCTA is currently finalizing the project's landscape design. Please stay tuned to future e-newsletters for periodic updates.

Project Partners



PROJECT OVERVIEW

In Fall 2018, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and project partners began construction on 11 miles of an express lane on southbound I-680 (SB I-680) from Marina Vista Avenue in Martinez to around Livorna Road in Alamo.

Express lanes are converted carpool lanes that provide travel choices for the motoring public, improving mobility and freeway operations. They remain toll-free to carpoolers and other eligible vehicles and are available to solo drivers for a fee.

The project entails I-680 freeway widening work in the southbound direction between North Main Street in Walnut Creek to just South of Rudgear Road in Walnut Creek to accommodate the completion of the high-occupancy vehicle (HOV)/carpool lane, which will be converted to an express lane. Additionally, the project will convert eight miles of an existing southbound HOV/carpool lane to an express lane between Marina Vista Avenue in Martinez and North Main Street in Walnut Creek. To accommodate freeway widening work, tree removal took place during the Winter of 2018, utility relocation took place in the Spring of 2018, and soundwall removal and construction began in Spring of 2019. When construction is complete, there will be 24 miles of continuous southbound express lane between the Benicia-Martinez Bridge toll plaza and the Alameda County line.



Shoring installation for Retaining Wall No. 4 on SB I-680 between the South Main Street Undercrossing and Rudgear Road

For more information, visit the project website at 680xpresslanesproject.com or call the Project Information Line at (925) 206-3019. Follow the project on Twitter: @SB680xpresslane