

SUMMER 2020

PROJECT OVERVIEW

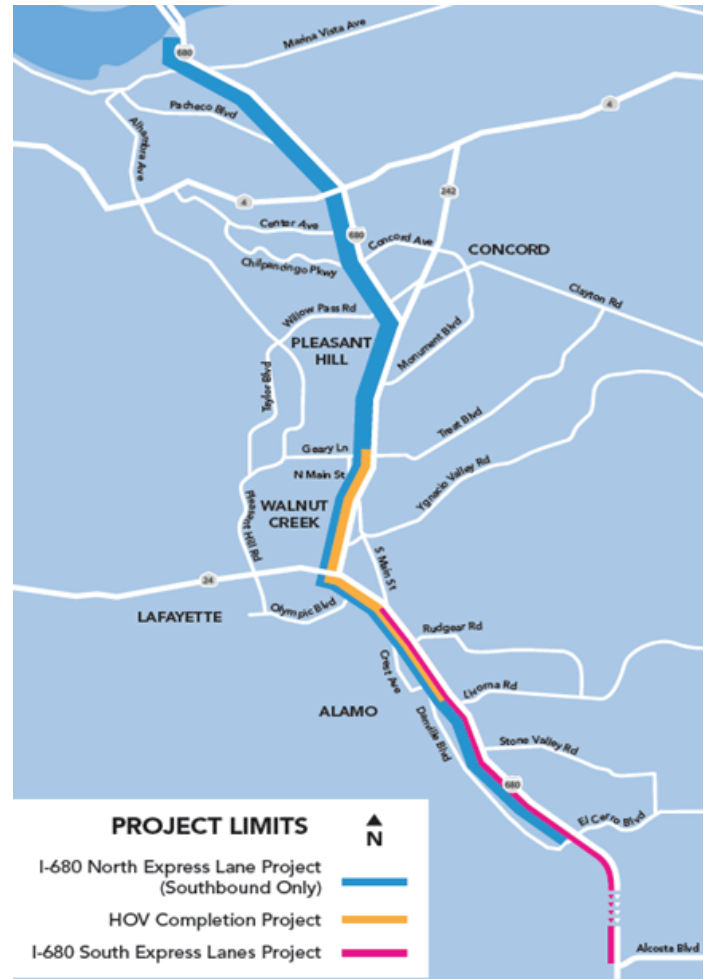
In Fall 2018, the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and project partners began construction on 11 miles of an express lane on southbound I-680 (SB I-680) from Marina Vista Avenue in Martinez to around Livorna Road in Alamo. Since breaking ground, much progress has been made on the project, with the majority of the highway widening work between the Benicia Bridge and State Route 24 nearing completion.

In April 2020, CCTA and the contractor mutually agreed to an accelerated and ambitious project schedule in order to open new lane capacity to taxpayers ahead of schedule by revising the planned work sequence to complete multiple stages of work concurrently.

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. When construction and toll system integration are complete, there will be 24 miles of continuous southbound express lane between the Benicia-Martinez Bridge toll plaza and the Alameda County line.

Express lanes provide travel choices for the motoring public, improving mobility and freeway operations. Once tolling begins, use of express lanes requires a FasTrak Flex Toll Tag. Carpools and other eligible vehicles travel toll free or pay half-price tolls. Solo drivers pay full tolls.

PROJECT MAP



Wall Face Concrete Forming at Retaining Wall No. 2

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES: WHAT TO EXPECT

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ACTIVITIES TO REDUCE PROJECT IMPACTS

Motorists: The project will employ daytime lane closures to keep traffic impacts to a minimum, provided traffic volumes remain light due to COVID-19. If traffic volumes increase, nighttime closures may be required.



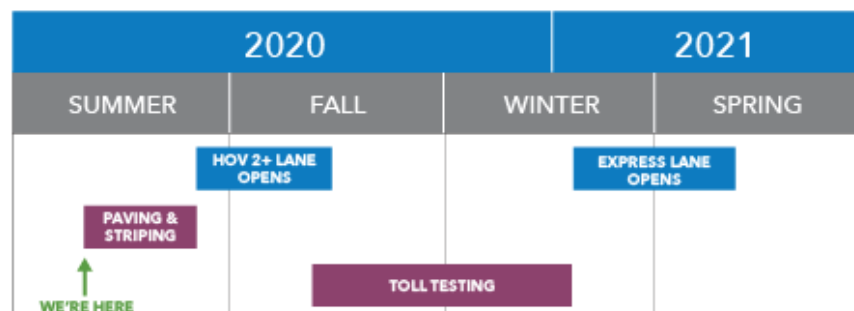
Project Neighbors: Construction noise generated from concrete demolition will be minimal. This work will occur in conjunction with the lane closures. Updates will be posted on the project website.

Construction Stages: Construction is proceeding almost a year ahead of schedule, and new lane capacity for 2+ carpools is anticipated to open in Fall 2020. When the new lane opens, it will be signed like an express lane, but will operate as an HOV 2+ carpool lane while toll testing occurs. Operation of the lane as an express lane is expected to begin in early 2021.

In preparation for the opening of the new lane, key construction activities include:

- Completion of retaining walls and construction of soundwalls between the freeway ramps at South Main Street in Walnut Creek
- Completion of median concrete barrier between Rudgear Road and Livorna Road
- Removal of construction K-rail and completion of express lane signing and striping
- Completion of electronic tolling system testing
- Removal of temporary driver education sign overlays

PROJECT TIMELINE



DID YOU KNOW?

Fun Facts About Our Retaining Walls

- During recent drilling for the soldier pile retaining wall, construction crews unearthed an old highway that sits beneath present-day I-680.
- There are five retaining walls, and each wall is a different type.
- The total length of the retaining walls is four times the height of the Empire State Building.