

TO: WCCTAC Board DATE: June 24, 2016

FR: John Nemeth, Executive Director

RE: Monthly Update on WCCTAC Activities – June

AC Transit Board of Directors Goes on the Road

The AC Transit Board of Directors will hold a series of Board meetings throughout their service area this summer. These meetings give bus riders and the general public a more convenient opportunity to attend and participate. The "on the road" meeting in West Contra Costa will be held in El Cerrito on Wednesday, July 13. The details are as follows:

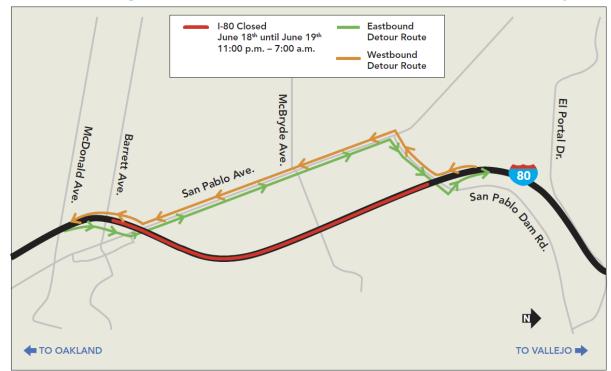


July 13 - 5:00 p.m.
AC Transit Board of Directors
On the Road Meeting Location:
City of El Cerrito –
City Hall Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Agendas will be available online the Friday prior to each meeting. For more information, visit www.actransit.org and click "Board Meetings".

Overnight I-80 Closure at San Pablo Dam Road, June 18-19, 11 PM-7AM

With involvement by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the City of San Pablo, the interchange improvement project on I-80 at San Pablo Dam Road recently broke ground. To facilitate the next phase of work, a section of the freeway must be closed to help ensure public and motorist safety.



Full Overnight Closure of I-80 at San Pablo Dam Road Local Detour Map

What to Expect:

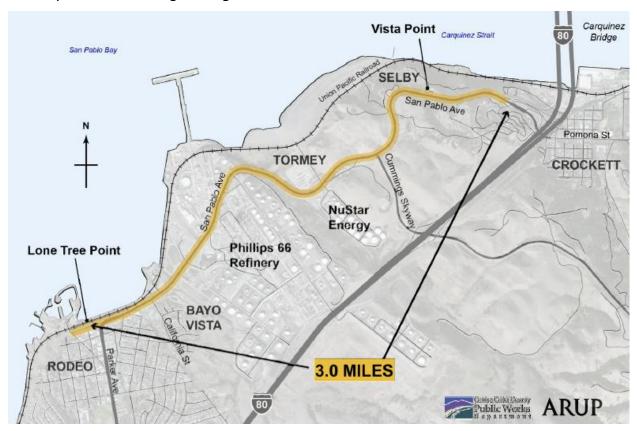
- Interstate 80 will be temporarily closed in the eastbound and westbound directions between San Pablo Avenue and San Pablo Dam Road.
- The closure will occur from Saturday, June 18th at 11:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. Sunday, June 19th.
- Temporary detours will be in effect (please see the detour maps on pages two and three of this document).
- Motorists should follow the instructions posted on all on-site signage.

These closures will enable crews to grade (properly adjust and align) falsework recently constructed for a new pedestrian overcrossing at Riverside Avenue, which will replace the current overcrossing. When complete, the new overcrossing will extend across Amador Street, enhancing safety for Riverside Elementary School students and the community.

For more information, please visit http://www.ccta.net/sanpablodamroad or call the project hotline at (510) 277-0444. Construction updates will also be posted to Twitter at @i80spdr.

San Pablo Avenue (Rodeo to Crockett) Complete Streets Project

At a recent meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee for this County-sponsored, partially WCCTAC-funded study, attendees were able to review preliminary results from past public outreach activities and learned about three possible alternatives for incorporating pedestrian and bicycle facilities along this segment of San Pablo Avenue.



The County's consultant presented three options for improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure in the area.

The first alternative proposed a road diet and reduced the number of travel lanes from four to two, with a two-way center turn lane and bike lanes on both sides. The second alternative proposed a similar road diet; however, this option placed a two-way shared path on one side of the street.

While the first two options could be constructed within the existing right-of-way, a newly released third option would maintain the existing number of vehicle travel lanes and widen the roadway on the north side to accommodate a two-way shared path. This configuration would occur between Refinery Road to Cummings Skyway and then transition east of Cummings Skyway to a road diet with three-lanes plus a shared-use path utilizing the re-configured right-of-way. In order to widen the proposed segment, additional right-of-way would be required.

The next round of public outreach is scheduled for the Summer 2016 with Community Workshop #2.

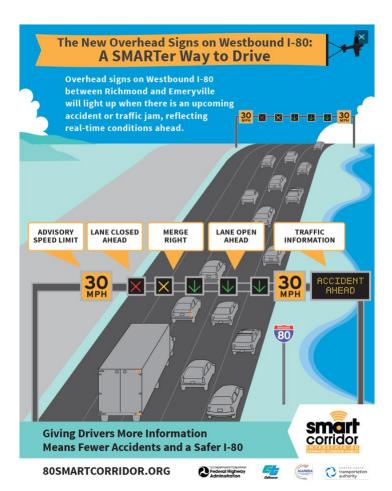
AC Transit expands and redesigns for reliability Starting Sunday, June 26.

Starting in June 2016, AC Transit will put more buses on the street in its service area and will improve some weekend service to better accommodate those who to travel outside commute hours.

In West County this will mean improvements to Line 7, which runs from El Cerrito Del Norte BART to Berkeley BART along Arlington Ave. and Shattuck Ave. and to Line G, which is transbay service linking El Cerrito to San Francisco.



AC Transit is also updating its schedules to improve reliability. Specific details, including maps, are available at <u>actransit.org</u> or by calling (510) 891-4777.



Rolling Activation on I-80 SMART Corridor (ICM) Project

The rolling activation of the I-80 SMART Corridor project is proceeding this summer. Caltrans is currently testing the wiring on sign panels and performing other local testing at each sign. This testing may briefly be visible to motorists.

Caltrans is also preparing to test the communications software that integrates the project components with the Caltrans Traffic Management Center (TMC) and local road elements. It includes remote testing sequences where symbols and numbers may be displayed for longer intervals. Additional notification will be provided when this testing is scheduled.

West County Employee Transportation Survey

In March 2016, TDM staff worked with Valerie Brock Consulting to conduct the 2016 Employee Transportation Study to gather information on current commute habits of employees in West County. The last survey was done in 2005.

Understanding employee commute patterns helps TDM staff to create relevant commute alternative programs. These programs contribute to the goal of reducing single occupant vehicles through the use of alternative modes that reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality. Each participating employer received a customized report to assist in the development of an employer commute program.

The final report and findings can be found on the WCCTAC <u>website</u>. The study was funded by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Transportation for Clean Air fund, and CCTA.

