



I-880 Express Lanes Construction Update December 27, 2019

Project Overview

The I-880 express lanes between Fremont and Oakland are scheduled to open late summer 2020. Nearly all the civil construction work has been completed. On-going work includes installing, connecting and testing tolling equipment and connecting fiber cable for future traffic monitoring in the corridor. View the project fact sheet [here](#).

Current Work

Work near the Hacienda overcrossing to improve drainage, finish the retaining wall, and complete paving on southbound I-880 is substantially complete. The toll system integration team is working south to north in the corridor to install 29 overhead variable toll messaging signs (VTMS). To date, twelve have been installed. Crews are continuing the installation of tolling equipment (e.g., toll tag readers) and pulling cable for data and power. Crews are also starting to test the tolling equipment. These tests will occur during the day and drivers may see messages on the VTMS or flashing enforcement beacons and may hear their toll tags beep. Drivers will not be charged tolls as the tolling equipment is in "non-tolling" mode.

What To Expect

- Shoulder lane closures during the day and night
- Intermittent nighttime lane closures
- Construction equipment on shoulders
- Nighttime noise from drilling and vehicle back-up alarms
- Enforcement beacons flashing "1, 2 or 3"
- VTMS displaying testing messages (e.g., "TEST 1")
- Potential toll tag beeping for cars with FasTrak® toll tags



Future Work of Note

- A second test of the median lights will occur when PG&E connects power to the remaining services.
- Paving and striping will be completed where crews widened the highway near CHP truck scales in Fremont.
- Continued installation of variable toll messaging signs.
- Toll system equipment testing.

Completed Work

- Installed 60% of tolling equipment and 12 of 29 VTMS
- Installed median lights
- Partially tested median lights
- Installed overhead sign structures and static signs
- Reconstructed median barrier
- Widened highway in three locations
- Installed conduit and electrical cabinets to power tolling equipment and facilitate data transfer