



NEWS RELEASE

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BAY BRIDGE CLOSED FOR EYEBAR ASSESSMENT AND REPAIR Updated at 11:00 am

Oakland – Last night, Caltrans District 4 closed both directions of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to repair the crossbar and two rods that came loose from the eyebar repair yesterday afternoon. No cables were involved. Structural engineers and inspectors are on-site to assess the damage and will make a determination as to how long repairs will take.

The bridge remains closed until further notice. Morning traffic was significantly higher on the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge and the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge. Commuters can get real time travel information from the 511.org Web site or by calling 511.

Residents of Treasure Island are allowed access to their homes via the San Francisco side of the bridge; CHP is requiring proof of residency. Over 40 portable changeable messages are in place around the Bay Area in addition to the 90 fixed overhead changeable message signs on the freeways alerting traffic to the closure.

Caltrans is working with transit partners to assure that enhanced services are available this evening. **BART will run longer trains throughout the day. Extra ferry service will be available on the Oakland-Alameda Ferry. The Caltrans Bay Bridge bicycle shuttle will not only remain in operation, but will add an additional transport every hour throughout the day. Bicyclists will be transported via the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.** Bridge toll booths will be fully staffed at all state owned and the Golden Gate bridges.

The 92/880 interchange was restriped to allow two lanes of traffic from southbound 880 to westbound 92 to handle the extra traffic load. Additionally, the northbound 880 connector to westbound 92 was closed. Motorists are detoured via Tennyson Road or Industrial Boulevard to access westbound 92.

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