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### **Southbound Interstate 680 Express Lane and Pavement Rehabilitation Project Breaks Ground Today**

*Traffic Relief, Smoother Ride for one of the Bay Area's Most Congested Freeways*

**PLEASANTON / ALAMEDA COUNTY** — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and its partner, the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), today broke ground on the Southbound Interstate 680 Express Lane and

Pavement Rehabilitation Project, paving the way for a smoother, less congested ride for thousands of motorists.

The project will build a new express lane on I-680 between State Route 84 and Alcosta Boulevard in San Ramon, closing the gap between existing and in-process express lanes to ease the commute for southbound I-680 commuters. The project will also rehabilitate the pavement on this nine-mile stretch of I-680 through Sunol, Pleasanton, Dublin and San Ramon to provide a smoother ride for thousands of motorists.

Heavy commute traffic to and from Silicon Valley, especially in the morning peak period, results in traffic congestion. The project will increase the efficiency of the transportation system on I-680, improve travel time and travel reliability for all, while providing an overall smoother ride that helps reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

“We’re excited to help commuters and other motorists arrive at their destinations quickly and efficiently while having choices as to how they travel,” said Caltrans Bay Area District 4 Director Dina El-Tawansy. “Reducing the time spent in traffic reduces the amount of carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere.”

“Today is an important step in completing an almost fifty-mile express lane corridor for people to travel on I-680 in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and delivering on our promise to Alameda County voters. Express lanes are important for improving overall trip efficiency for everyone – including commuters, freight and transit riders,” noted Alameda CTC’s Vice Chair David Haubert.

“We are grateful to our project and funding partners at Caltrans, the California Transportation Commission and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for their support,” said Alameda CTC Executive Director Tess Lengyel.

Funding for the overall project, including toll systems and landscape improvements, is a combination of local (\$112 million), regional (\$80 million), and state/federal funds (\$134 million), that includes funding from the Alameda County voter-approved Measure BB, Regional Measure 3, and State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Senate Bill 1 (SB-1), and State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

Caltrans and Alameda CTC would like to thank the public for their patience as we work to improve transportation systems within Alameda County. Work on this project is expected to complete in 2026.

For more information on the project, please access [Alameda CTC's project fact sheet](#).

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