



U.S. HIGHWAY 50 IS GETTING A BIG MAKEOVER

Major traffic-interfering construction is scheduled this May and June 2014 on U.S. Highway 50 in Sacramento between 18th and 24th Streets, known as the W/X Viaduct. Age and heavy use have caused extensive wear and cracking.

The elevated roadbed, which was built in 1968, needs to be completely resurfaced in order to enhance safety, reduce recurring maintenance costs, and increase the life of the concrete decks by 20 years and reduce maintenance costs. The completed project will also provide widening at the shoulders, new joint seals, new concrete barriers and railing, standard lighting, and enhanced safety.

One direction of the Viaduct will be closed at a time for rehabilitation:

Stage 1 – May 2 - 22, 2014: Eastbound Highway 50

Stage 2 – May 28 - June 17, 2014: Westbound Highway 50

The project broadly includes:

- Placing and securing a 4-inch concrete deck on top of the existing deck
- Treating the existing deck with a protective coating of methacrylate to glue the cracks together and reduce potential for any future cracking
- Adding steel column casings for seismic strengthening
- Improved traffic operations throughout the project area.



ADDITIONAL DETAILS & UPDATES

Project details and alternate route maps are available at Fix50.com. You can also sign up for email alerts on Fix50.com, or follow us on social media.

Everyone can help:

Although the viaduct will remain open one side at a time, the number of lanes will be reduced. Traffic impacts will be significant on all major routes in the Sacramento area. To reduce traffic congestion during the project and reduce your commute time, Caltrans is requesting you to distribute this info beginning March 1, 2014.

- Reduce trips through the area or use alternate routes
- Avoid rush hour when possible and alter work schedules to avoid heavy congestion
- Use alternate modes of transportation such as carpooling, walking, biking, or taking the bus or Light Rail

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