



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **BAY BRIDGE CLOSED FOR EYEBAR ASSESSMENT AND REPAIR Updated at 12 a.m.**

**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.

At this time, the bridge is closed until further notice.

All traffic is being diverted to other bridges. 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 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 tomorrow morning for commute if necessary. **BART will run longer trains beginning at 4 a.m. and throughout the day. Extra ferry service will be available on the Oakland-Alameda Ferry, and there will be one extra Golden Gate Transit ferry from Larkspur at 7 a.m. The Caltrans Bay Bridge bicycle shuttle will remain in operation, and will transport bicyclists via the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.** Bridge toll booths will be fully staffed at all state owned and the Golden Gate bridges.

If necessary, the 92/880 interchange will be restriped to allow two lanes of traffic from southbound 880 to westbound 92 to handle the extra traffic load. One lane of westbound 92 will be closed over 880 to accommodate the additional traffic coming from southbound 880. Additionally, the northbound 880 connector to westbound 92 will be closed and motorists may use Tennyson Road or Industrial Boulevard to access westbound 92.

Motorists can get real time travel information from the 511.org Web site or by calling 511.





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**MCM Construction** has been retained and will be making the repairs in coordination with Caltrans structural engineers once a repair plan is finalized. Caltrans crews are presently removing the damaged section. A full assessment of damage and repairs has not been completed.

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