



# THE SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE SEISMIC SAFETY PROJECTS

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## THE BAY BRIDGE WILL BE CLOSED LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2009

### 8:00 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 to 5:00 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8

#### FULL BRIDGE CLOSURE DURING HOLIDAY WEEKEND

This Labor Day weekend, crews will be replacing a section of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge east of the Yerba Buena Island Tunnel, to connect the bridge to a temporary detour. This work is part of the Bay Bridge Seismic Safety Projects, designed to bring the structure up to current earthquake standards.

While the Bay Bridge was closed during Labor Day weekends in 2006 and 2007, vital and complex seismic retrofit work was successfully completed ahead of schedule. Taking advantage of historically light traffic on the bridge during the holiday weekend helps minimize disruptions to motorists, residents and businesses.

Experience gained from previous closures will help us perform this complicated construction feat safely again this year.

#### WORKER AND PUBLIC SAFETY IS THE PARAMOUNT PRIORITY

This year's construction—which occurs 150 feet in the air—is more susceptible to weather than during previous closures. The Thursday night start will provide enough time to complete this complex operation safely if weather becomes a concern. Stay tuned to [BayBridgeInfo.org](http://BayBridgeInfo.org) for the latest closure information.

#### GETTING AROUND

Residents and visitors will have numerous alternatives for getting around the Bay Area while the entire Bay Bridge is closed during Labor Day weekend.

Motorists should allow extra time for travel and use of other bridges, including the Golden Gate Bridge, the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, the San Mateo-Hayward Bridge and the Dumbarton Bridge.

Vehicle access to Yerba Buena Island and Treasure Island for residents, employees and visitors will be maintained via special permit from San Francisco.

#### THE BAY BRIDGE DETOUR TIE-IN

A 300-foot double-deck section of the bridge, 150 feet over Yerba Buena Island, will be cut and moved out of the way during the closure. A new double-deck section will be moved into place, allowing traffic to flow for the next few years on a half-mile long detour connecting the East Span to the Yerba Buena Island Tunnel. This traffic shift will allow crews to demolish a portion of the original bridge, and to build a new (permanent) connection from the tunnel to the new East Span.

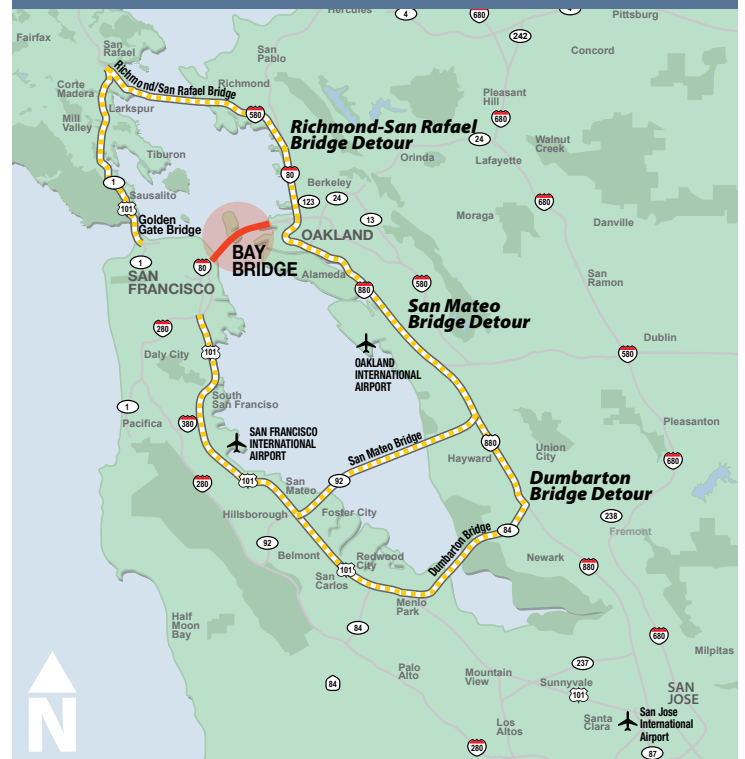
When the bridge reopens to traffic on Tuesday, Sept. 8, motorists will experience a slightly different drive. The roadway will curve to the south, requiring drivers to slow down while approaching or leaving the Yerba Buena Island Tunnel. On the detour, the speed limit will be reduced from 50 mph to 40 mph.

#### STAY INFORMED!

[BayBridgeInfo.org](http://BayBridgeInfo.org) features information on this massive engineering feat, including important closure details and construction simulations and drive-throughs on the new detour.

For updates on other transit options, including ferries, BART and MUNI, be sure to visit [511.org](http://511.org) or call **511** for real-time traffic conditions, detour routes and public transit alternatives. Check back often for the latest updates.

### BAY BRIDGE CLOSED LABOR DAY WEEKEND USE ALTERNATE BRIDGES



For more information, visit:

Para esta información en español, por favor visite:

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# THE BAY BRIDGE DETOUR TIE-IN

## Connecting the detour to the East Span...in less than 4 days.



### FULL BRIDGE CLOSURE

The bridge will be closed to traffic in both directions. The new section of roadway connecting the detour to the bridge has been constructed 150 feet in the air, just south of the existing bridge.



### CONNECTING THE DETOUR TIE-IN

The new roadway connecting the detour to the bridge will be moved into place using the same rail system.



### CUTTING THE ORIGINAL BRIDGE

Crews will cut away a 300-foot section of bridge near Yerba Buena Island.



### BRIDGE REOPENS

The bridge will reopen to traffic after all of the work has been completed by Tuesday, Sept. 8. Speed limit on detour will be 40 mph.



### BRIDGE SECTION MOVED

The cut-away section of the bridge will be rolled to the north of existing bridge on rails and eventually demolished.

For more information, visit [BayBridgeInfo.org](http://BayBridgeInfo.org) or contact:

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