



# ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

DATE: MARCH 25, 2010

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
BEN REYES, CITY ATTORNEY

FROM: BELINDA B. ESPINOSA, CITY MANAGER

## PLACES TO BE

- **BART SEEKS INPUT ON CRITICAL TRANSPORTATION DECISIONS**

Please join The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) as it seeks input from you regarding how to engage you and your community in critical transportation decisions. Below is a schedule of meetings open to the public. Translation services and child care are available if requested 72 hours prior to the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

### **RICHMOND**

Wednesday, March 31  
9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Catholic Charities of the East Bay,  
English Action Center at Grace Lutheran Church  
2369 Barrett Avenue

### **EL CERRITO**

Saturday, April 10  
10:00 am – 11:30 am  
El Cerrito Community Center  
7007 Moeser Lane

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

- **RAMP CLOSURE FOR I-80 EASTBOUND HOV LANE PROJECT**

On Monday morning, April 5, after 12:01 am, Caltrans will close the State Route 4 on-ramp to eastbound Interstate 80. Please see attached announcement.

- **CORRECTION: PARTIAL CLOSURE OF WILLOW AVE. PARK AND RIDE LOT**

**Hercules** – Due to construction activities for the Eastbound I-80 HOV Lane Extension Project, a portion of the Willow Avenue Park and Ride Lot (**northeast of the Interstate 80/Willow Ave. Interchange**) will be temporarily closed for two to three months, beginning Monday Night/Tuesday Morning, March 23, 2010.

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- **PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

The City Council reappointed Commissioners Bender, Brooks and Sekins for an additional two-year term at the Regular Council meeting on March 16, 2010, based on the following findings:

To retain continuity on the composition of the Planning Commission with respect to the General Plan Update, Zoning Ordinance and Specific Plans. The General Plan and the Three Corridor Specific Plans have been under review for several years; and the Zoning Ordinance review began several months ago. It is anticipated that the review will continue on through 2010. These documents are extremely complicated, and will have a lasting effect and guide future development of our community for the next twenty years or perhaps longer, and it is vital to preserve the experience and knowledge of those key members to move this project forward expediently.

- **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**Close Call!** On Tuesday evening an elderly woman driving westbound on Interstate 80 suffered a medical problem while driving. She apparently drove through Pinole Valley Road from the off ramp at high speed (possibly 70 mph), straddled the westbound on ramp and crashed onto the abutment of the flood canal where it traverses the freeway. The car was suspended precariously 25 feet above the canal while fire crews from Stations 73, 74 and 69 administered medical aid and set up a rope system to lift her back to the roadway. She was transported to Doctor's Medical Center. **Just a reminder to Pinole motorists on Pinole valley Road to look up both off ramps as you drive through the intersections; vehicles often speed through these junctions.**

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# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

**Date:** March 11, 2010  
**District:** 4 - Oakland  
**Contact:** Allyn Amsk  
**Phone:** 510/286-5445

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## Ramp Closure for I-80 Eastbound HOV Lane Project

**Hercules** – Monday morning, April 5, after 12:01 a.m., Caltrans will close the State Route 4 on-ramp to eastbound Interstate 80. The connector ramps from eastbound and westbound SR 4 to eastbound I-80 will be closed at this time. The eastbound I-80 on-ramp will remain closed for at least six months for construction activities related to the Interstate 80 Eastbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Extension project.

**Detour:** Continue on John Muir Parkway. Turn right on San Pablo Avenue. Continue on San Pablo Avenue to Willow Avenue and turn right. Continue on Willow Avenue. Take the on-ramp to eastbound I-80.

For more information about the project, please go to [www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/projects.htm)

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# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

**Date:** March 18, 2010  
**District:** 4 - Oakland  
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**Phone:** 510/286-5445

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## CORRECTION: Partial Closure of Willow Ave. Park and Ride Lot

**Hercules** – Due to construction activities for the Eastbound I-80 HOV Lane Extension Project, a portion of the Willow Avenue Park and Ride Lot **northeast of** the Interstate 80/Willow Ave. Interchange) will be temporarily closed for two to three months, beginning Monday Night/Tuesday Morning, March 23, 2010.

Parking spaces near the interstate side of the lot will be closed. Handicapped parking will be relocated. This closure is necessary to begin work for the widening of the Eastbound Interstate 80 Willow Avenue Undercrossing.

Additional parking is available at the Hilltop Drive Park and Ride Lot in Richmond.

Caltrans apologizes for the inconvenience. All work is weather dependent.

If you have questions about the project, please visit the Caltrans District 4 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/80ebhov>

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