

Why is the Edwards Street bridge closing?

Crews will be demolishing and rebuilding the bridge as part of the I-405 Improvement Project. The bridge is anticipated to close in mid-June beginning with pre-demolition activities. Full demolition, which will include overnight freeway closures, is anticipated to begin in late June. Dates and times are subject to change.

What's involved in constructing the new Edwards Street bridge?

The bridge will be rebuilt in one stage and will be closed to traffic during construction. Detours will be in place; however, motorists should expect delays.

How long will it take to construct the new bridge?

Construction will take approximately 12 months.

Will the bridge be open to pedestrian and bicycle traffic?

No. The bridge will be closed to all traffic. Detours will be in place and signs will be posted to navigate pedestrians around the closure.

Please see the Edwards Street Bridge Closure Detour Map for approved closures and detours.

How much wider will the new Edwards Street bridge be?

The new bridge will be 78 feet wide, which is about 5 feet wider than existing bridge.

What will be the height of the new Edwards Street bridge?

The new bridge will be about 30 feet tall at its maximum height, which is about 5 feet taller than the existing bridge.

How many lanes will the new Edwards Street bridge have?

The new bridge will have four lanes, two in each direction, plus shoulders and a 4-foot median.

Why will the bridge be wider if there won't be additional lanes?

The new bridge is wider to allow for a center median separating traffic traveling in opposite directions.

What about for pedestrians and bicyclists?

Once completed, the new Edwards Street bridge will have sidewalks and bicycle lanes in each direction.

What are the hours of construction activities?

In general, most of the work will be performed during the day behind temporary concrete barriers, known as K-rail. However, some activities, such as placing K-rail, striping lanes, shifting traffic and demolishing the bridge, must be done at night for the safety of work crews, motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

What should the neighborhood expect during demolition?

Demolition will include the use of equipment to break up concrete, and excavators, bulldozers and trucks to remove rubble. Water trucks will be on-site to keep dust to a minimum, as required.

Will noise levels be monitored?

Yes. Caltrans standards will be enforced. Residents may hear back-up alarms and noise from other construction activities. The alarms are required for employee safety purposes by state regulation on all construction equipment in use. The sound level must be audible for 200 feet and distinguishable from the surrounding noise.

Have surrounding businesses, schools and churches been notified?

Yes.

How will the neighborhood be notified of upcoming activities?

Flyers will be delivered approximately one week prior to all major activities such as demolition and pile driving. In addition, the OCTA Community Outreach Team will notify residents, businesses and motorists of all activities via weekly email and text alerts, through automated phone calls, on the project website and via social media.

Whom do residents contact if they have questions, concerns or claims?

Contact the Community Outreach Team by emailing 405project@octa.net, or by calling the project helplines. For **English and Spanish**, call **888-400-8994**; for **Vietnamese**, call **888-662-6569**. You may also message us on social media.