



#405Improvement

# I-405 Improvement Project

## Ward Street Bridge

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Why is the Ward 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 late April beginning with pre-demolition activities. Full demolition, which will include overnight freeway closures, is anticipated to begin in late April/early May. Dates and times are subject to change.

#### **What's involved in constructing the new Ward Street bridge?**

The bridge will be rebuilt in one phase and will be closed to traffic during construction. Detours will be in place; however, motorists should expect delays. Motorists are encouraged to use the project interactive map, [octa.net/405map](https://octa.net/405map), for approved detours.

#### **How long will it take to construct the new bridge?**

Construction will take approximately 18 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 Ward Street Bridge Closure Detour Map for approved closures and detours.

#### **How much wider will the new Ward Street bridge be?**

The new bridge will be 78 feet wide, which is about double the width of the existing bridge.

#### **What will be the height of the new Ward Street bridge?**

The new bridge will be about 23 feet tall at its maximum height, which is about 1 foot taller than the existing bridge.

#### **How many lanes will the new Ward Street bridge have?**

The new bridge will have four lanes, two in each direction, plus shoulders and a 6-foot median.

#### **What about for pedestrians and bicyclists?**

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

#### **Will neighborhoods and businesses near the bridge be accessible?**

Yes, residential and business access will always be maintained.

#### **What are the hours of construction activities?**

In general, the contractor works two shifts, Monday through Saturday – a day shift from approximately 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. and a night shift from approximately 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. While much of the work will take place during the day, some activities, such as placing temporary barriers, striping lanes, switching traffic and demolishing the bridge, must be done at night for safety reasons.



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Other activities, such as placing and excavating dirt fill for the bridge abutments, will require closing freeway lanes, which Caltrans only allows at night because of the impact on traffic. All activities that require freeway lane closures typically will be conducted at night.

#### What should the neighborhood expect during demolition?

Demolition of the bridge spans typically occurs across two weekends, one night per weekend. This activity is done at night to allow the contractor to close the freeway below the bridge being demolished. The bridge columns and abutments are typically demolished on weekdays, during the day and at night.

Demolition will include the use of equipment to break up concrete, iron workers removing rebar, and excavators, bulldozers and trucks to remove rubble. Water trucks will be on-site to keep dust to a minimum, as required. Additionally, crews haul demolished material to a nearby crusher yard to further break down materials. Please be advised that these activities may be loud.

#### 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.

#### 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 405 Community Outreach Team notifies residents, businesses, and motorists of all activities via weekly emails, call and text alerts, social media and on the project website. Sign up to receive alerts regarding the Ward bridge by visiting [bit.ly/405-signup](http://bit.ly/405-signup).

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

Contact the Community Outreach Team by emailing [405project@octa.net](mailto:405project@octa.net), or by calling the project helplines. For **English**, call **888-400-8994**; para **Español**, llame al **888-400-8994**; Đối với **Tiếng Việt**, gọi **888-662-6569**. You may also message us on social media.

\*Esta información también está disponible en español, contáctenos para más detalles.

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