



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BAY BRIDGE CLOSED FOR EYEBAR ASSESSMENT AND REPAIR 9 p.m.

Oakland – Caltrans District 4 has closed both directions of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to repair the crossbars and rod that came loose from the eyebar repair this 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. 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 full service tonight till midnight. Bridge toll booths will be fully staffed at state owned and the Golden Gate bridges.

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

A contractor has been retained and will be making the repairs in coordination with Caltrans structural engineers once a repair plan is finalized.

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