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Caltrans to Activate Ramp Meters on Interstate 80 Corridor Starting August 2 for PM Commute

Contra Costa County / Alameda County, Calif. – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in partnership with Alameda County Transportation Commission and Contra Costa Transportation Authority will activate 43 ramp meters on the Interstate 80 (I-80) corridor between the Carquinez and Bay Bridges in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. Ramp meters improve safety, enhance mobility and address freeway congestion by controlling traffic demand so freeway capacity is not exceeded.

Beginning August 2, the lights will meter ramps in both eastbound and westbound directions during the weekday PM commute hours of Noon to 8:00 p.m. Previously, ramp meter lights activated on July 26 in the corridor for the AM commute.

- **Effective Tuesday August 2, ramp meters will be active in the I-80 SMART Corridor from 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM, M-F.**

Meters also will be operating on weekends depending on prevailing traffic conditions.

It is common for motorists at newly activated ramp-meter locations to experience delays during the first few days. Caltrans will monitor the metered onramps and make adjustments to fine-tune the metering operations. A telephone hot line number, 510-286-4531, is available to help answer any questions or report any related issues.

The ramp meters on I-80 are connected to an intelligent adaptive system that will actively monitor traffic conditions throughout the corridor and optimize the ramp meters in real-time. It is a key element of the I-80 SMART Corridor system, an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) designed to enhance mobility and safety in the I-80 Corridor. More information is available at <http://www.80smartcorridor.org>. The I-80 SMART Corridor system is anticipated to be fully operational by September 2016.

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