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Freeway off-ramp and road improvements starting at Richards Boulevard and I-5

The Department of Transportation will be starting a \$10 million dollar project to widen both freeway off-ramps at I-5 and Richards Boulevard along with improve Richards Boulevard, Bercut Drive and Jibboom Street the week of July 11. The improvements will be finished in the fall of 2012.

Work will take place on weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The project will consist of widening Richards Boulevard with two additional lanes within the interchange; widening the southbound off-ramp and northbound off-ramp by adding one lane to each ramp; extending Bercut Drive south into the Railyards and adding bike lanes and sidewalks with planter strips to Bercut and Jibboom.

During construction, motorists can expect delays as there will be intermittent lane closures. Construction truck traffic is also anticipated. All businesses including hotels on Jibboom Street will remain open during construction and the City is supplying signage indicating they are open for business.

The project aims to relieve existing traffic congestion and improve traffic circulation as Railyards and Township 9 development get underway. When finished, the current queuing on Richards Boulevard that occurs as traffic waits to turn left onto the southbound on-ramp will have been addressed with the widening of Richards and the length of time traffic is sitting on off-ramps will be reduced.

The project will also improve alternative modes of transportation, such as mass transit, biking, and walking by constructing bus stops, bike lanes and pedestrian pathways. Please see the [project webpage](#) and [project fact sheet](#) for more details.

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