



# BAY AREA EXPRESS LANES



**January 22, 2018**

## **Tree Removal on Southbound I-880 near Hacienda Avenue**

### **Tree Removal**

Crews began removing trees in the Caltrans right-of-way on the southbound side of I-880 near Hacienda Avenue in San Lorenzo last week. The tree removal is necessary to widen southbound I-880 for about 2,000 linear feet. The additional width will support the reconfiguration of the southbound highway lanes so that vehicles can more easily merge into or out of the express lane. The areas highlighted on the map below indicate where trees will be removed. All trees to be removed are in the Caltrans right-of-way.



The remaining tree removal will require up to ten nights of work that will could start as soon as January 25<sup>th</sup> and conclude as late as the end of February. MTC will provide additional schedule details as more information is known. Work will occur mostly at night and will require chainsaw cutting and chipping. Some chainsaw cutting will be above the soundwall, and crews will monitor noise levels to ensure activity remains below the required limits.

MTC and Caltrans have developed a tree replacement plan that will replace the removed trees with Canary Island Pine, Goldenrain Tree, Saratoga Bay Laurel, and Twin Peaks Dwarf Coyote Bush.

### **What to Expect**

- Noise from tree removal activity during the night, including chainsaws and wood chippers
- Tree removal
- Tree removal equipment staged in the area and truck traffic transporting downed trees
- Changes in property owners' back yard views, in some cases
- Shoulder closures during the day

[View the project fact sheet here.](#)

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