

# We're Rebuilding. Major Trackwork between Rockridge and Lafayette Stations

Between April and July 2020, BART crews will be working around the clock to replace the aging interlocking and other track components located between Rockridge and Lafayette stations. An interlocking is like a highway intersection for trains. It allows trains to cross from one track to another. During this four month period, BART will close some lanes on Highway 24 overnight. Additionally, BART will close the trackway between the stations and will replace trains with buses (flip over for schedule). Please visit bart.gov for the latest as some dates and information below may change.

### **Benefits of Work**

Once the work is complete passengers will experience a smoother, safer, more reliable and quieter ride. Additionally, there will be improvements to the Orinda Station along with upgrades to the safety lighting in the BART Caldecott Tunnel. The Antioch-to-Millbrae Yellow line, which extends through Contra Costa County into San Francisco, is the busiest in the BART system. These track improvements will benefit tens of thousands of riders every day for decades to come.

## **Project Highlights:**

- Replacing four track switches that are at the end of their useful lives. These are large track components that can measure up to 200 feet in length and allow trains to move from line to line
- Installing approximately 3,000 feet of new rail
- Replacing approximately 300 badly worn wooden ties with longer-lasting, concrete ones
- Replacing 600 to 800 tons of rock ballast, which is essential for stabilizing the rail
- Installing 3,500 feet of new duct banks, conduit and cabling in preparation for the installation of a new train control system, which will eventually allow BART to run more frequent service
- Installing new 34.5 kV power lines between Orinda and Lafayette stations to replace the existing cable, which is at the end of its useful life
- Upgrades to the lighting in the BART Caldecott Tunnel and the replacement of direct fixation pads that hold the rail in the tunnel in place
- Upgrading the Orinda Station with new yellow platform edge tiles that meet modern safety standards

### **Project Impacts**

In order to perform this critical work, BART crews may close up to two lanes of East or Westbound Highway 24 on track closure weekends and some weeknights to stage materials and equipment. All planned lane closures will happen during the overnight hours. There are no planned daytime lane closures at any time. Residents and businesses may see bright lights at night and hear construction noise.

Additionally, BART will need to close the trackway for five, non-consecutive weekends and replace trains with buses to transport passengers between Rockridge, Orinda and Lafayette stations.

#### **Schedule**

Dates*	Work Type	Bus Bridge	Rider Delays	Hwy 24 Delays
May 9 & 10	Full Track Closure/Overnight Lane Closures	YES	20-25 Min	Minimal
May 23, 24 & 25	Full Track Closure/Overnight Lane Closures	YES	20-25 Min	Minimal
June 6 & 7	Full Track Closure/Overnight Lane Closures	YES	20-25 Min	Minimal
June 20 & 21	Full Track Closure/Overnight Lane Closures	YES	20-25 Min	Minimal
July 4 & 5	Full Track Closure/Overnight Lane Closures	YES	20-25 Min	Minimal

\* Dates are subject to change. Please visit bart.gov for the most current information. BART closely examined the possibility of moving up the track shutdown weekends to take advantage of the statewide stay-at-home order due to coronavirus and minimize impacts to the public. However, it was determined this wasn't possible because BART couldn't acquire needed materials for the project ahead of schedule.



### Funding

This project is funded by Measure RR, a \$3.5 billion bond measure that voters overwhelming passed in 2016 to rebuild BART to make the system safer and reliable, which in turn helps to reduce traffic.

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