



# TRAFFIC ADVISORY

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## **Route 4 in Contra Costa County Ramp Meters Activate October 17 and October 31, 2017 Watch For New Signals at On-Ramps**

**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will activate ramp metering on Route 4 in Contra Costa County beginning October 17, 2017.

### **What is Ramp Metering?**

Ramp metering is a traffic management strategy using traffic signals and accompanying equipment and techniques to manage on-ramp flow on the freeway system. It is intended to improve the safety of vehicle merging and the flow of traffic on the highway.

### **Westbound Activation**

In the first stage of ramp meter activation in Contra Costa County, ramp meters will be activated on westbound Route 4 from Sand Creek Road in Brentwood to Alhambra Avenue in Martinez.

- Beginning today Tuesday, October 10th, on-ramp meters have been set to solid green during commute times to alert drivers to the new driving condition.
- On Tuesday, October 17th, ramp meters will cycle through red and green during morning commute hours, from 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Drivers entering Route 4 where ramp meters are activated should stop at red and wait until the metering light turns green to the freeway. Caltrans will monitor traffic conditions and operate ramp meters as appropriate.





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## Eastbound Activation

In the next stage of ramp meter activation in Contra Costa County, ramp meters will be activated on eastbound Route 4 from Alhambra Avenue in Martinez to Lone Tree Way (East) in Brentwood.

- Beginning today Tuesday, October 10th, on-ramp meters will be set to solid green during commute times to alert drivers to the new driving condition.
- On Tuesday, October 31st, ramp meters will cycle through red and green during afternoon commute hours, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.

## Additional Information

Many of the on-ramps in Contra Costa County have a carpool lane marked with a diamond. The carpool lane restriction for an on-ramp is 24-hours per day, seven days a week.

The Ramp Metering Information Line is: 510-286-4531. Or follow us on Twitter at: <https://mobile.twitter.com/CaltransD4>

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