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LATE NIGHT WEEKEND LANE CLOSURES SET FOR BAY BRIDGE

Oakland – Two lanes on the eastern span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge will be closed to traffic one night each weekend through the fall beginning this Saturday, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announced today.

Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District 4 Director, said the lane closures will allow department engineers to inspect steel eyebars on the cantilever portion of the bridge linking Yerba Buena Island and the Oakland shore.

“Engineers will focus on the repair installed after a cracked eyebar was found during a routine inspection of the bridge over the Labor Day weekend,” Sartipi said. “The purpose of these upcoming inspections is to make sure, as a precautionary measure, that the repair continues to perform as intended. Be assured that the bridge is safe.”

The closure this week will be from 11 p.m. on Saturday to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Future closures will be scheduled on either Saturday or Sunday night.

Caltrans maintenance crews will have electronic message signs in place to direct motorists around the area where crews will be working.

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