

# San Mateo Smart Corridor Incident and Daily Activity Management



### City/County Association of Government of San Mateo County Board Meeting

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SamTrans Building (Auditorium)



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# San Mateo County Smart Corridor Project **Background**

































#### **San Mateo County Smart Corridor**

#### **Needs**

- Coordinate operations and sharing of resources between Caltrans and Local Agencies to address recurrent congestion
- Remote management capability of traffic signals from City and Caltrans TMC
- Ability to monitor traffic conditions and collect traffic data along corridor





#### **San Mateo County Smart Corridor**

#### Goals

- Implement Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) solutions and strategies for countywide traffic management
- Establish cross jurisdictional coordination and cooperation
- Enable cities and Caltrans to proactively manage day-to-day traffic, during special events, and facilitate traffic impacts due to major incidents on the freeway
- Implement infrastructure that allows for expansion to meet future demands, capabilities, and integration with new technology



# San Mateo County Smart Corridor Objectives

- Enable ability to monitor real time traffic conditions and adjust signal timing remotely
- Enable shared control and operation
- Improve traffic flow, Improve mobility, Optimize vehicle throughput, Reduce traffic delays, Improve travel time reliability



#### **San Mateo County Smart Corridor**

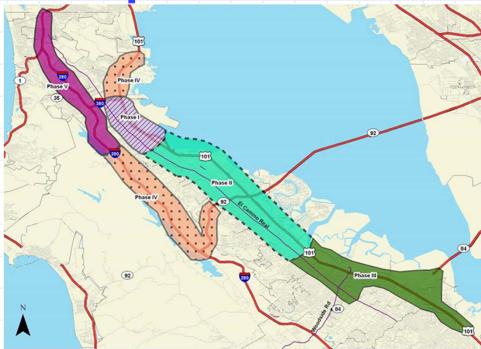
#### **Process Taken**

- Assembled Working Group (2007)
  - City traffic engineers, Law Enforcement, Fire, Caltrans
- Together established Alternative Routes
- Inter-Agency Agreements
  - MOU on ownership and maintenance of equipment
  - Coop Agreements between Caltrans and cities
- Established Stakeholder Working Group (All cities on the corridor are represented)
  - Reviewed and approved incident response plan
  - Continue to meet (quarterly)
  - Improve communication on the ground level
  - Continue to fine-tune incident response practice
  - Share lessons learned



#### San Mateo County Smart Corridor Project Background

**Implementation** 



- Phases I, II, and III
  - 25 miles of interconnected communication network
- Next Step: Portions of Phase IV and Phase V
   (South San Francisco, Brisbane, Daly City, Colma)



#### San Mateo County Smart Corridor Project Background

#### **Constructed Phase**



 Stakeholders identified alternate routes known as "Smart Corridor Routes"



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#### **What We Have Done**

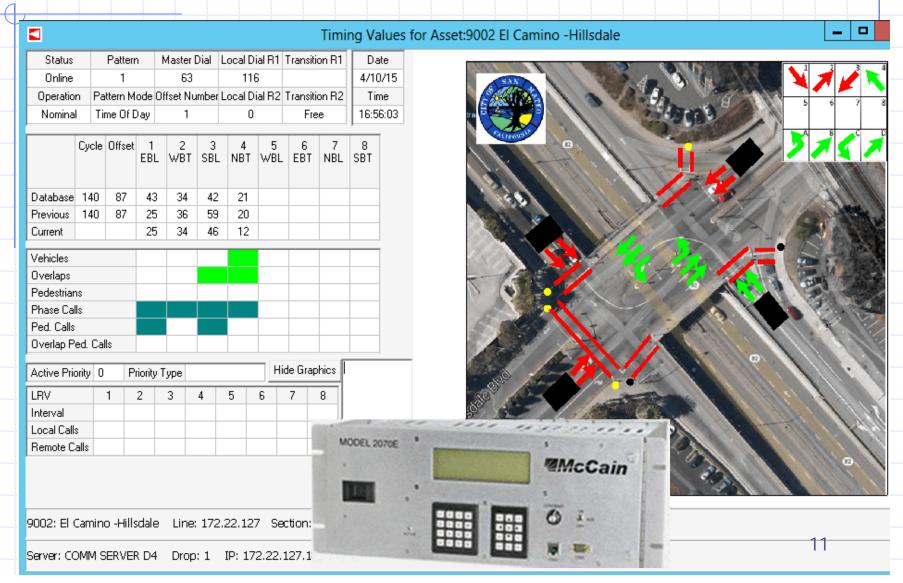
- Deploy infrastructure along major arterials corridors parallel to freeways
  - Install fiber optics communication network
  - Implement new signal system software integrating city-owned and Caltrans traffic signals
  - Install CCTV cameras, signage, vehicle detection
- **♦** TMC
- Regional Communications
- System Integration

Equipment	Local	State	Total
Traffic Signals	85	153	266
CCTV Cameras	113	150	263
Trailblazer Signs	46	67	113
Dynamic Signs	-	8	8
Vehicle Detection	20	17	37





### Traffic Signal Controller Upgrades

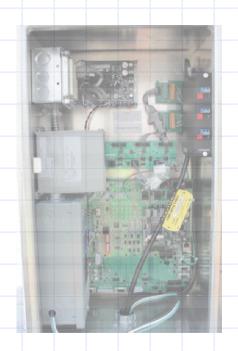




### **Trailblazer Signs**



- Alternate route guidance
- Installed at decision points







#### **Arterial Dynamic Message Signs**

- Additional traveler information
  - > Route guidance
  - > Lane closures
  - >Travel times
  - >Incidents
- El Camino Real @
   84, 92, 380





### **CCTV Cameras**



- At Critical Locations
- Connected to Video Management System



# San Mateo County Smart Corridor Project Field Elements: Vehicle Detection Stations

- Collect traffic data
- Help detect congestion incidents







#### San Mateo County Smart Corridor Project

#### San Mateo Hub and TMC's

- San Mateo Hub (in San Mateo Police Department)
  - > Communications equipment
  - > Servers



- City TMC
  - Connected to San Mateo Hub via fiber
  - **≻Operator Workstation**
- Caltrans TMC
  - **➤ Connected to San Mateo Hub**
  - >BART fiber (future)



#### **San Mateo County Smart Corridor Project**

### **Incident Response Process**

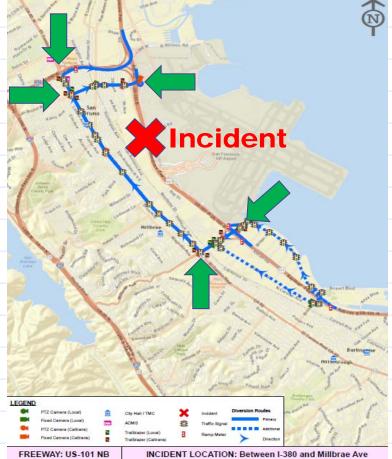
START: Incident Detection Operator Confirms Incident on Freeway

System
Offers
Strategies
or Operator
Looks-up
Strategies

Operator Confirms or Modifies Strategy Operator
Deploys
Strategy and
Notifies
Affected
Local
Agencies

Operator Monitors Conditions and Adjusts Strategy END: Resume Normal Operations

- Turn ON Trailblazers and DMS
- Monitor CCTV at Critical Locations
- Implement preapproved signal timing plans









### Mobility Focus Areas

# Transportation System Management & Operations (TSMO)

- Transportation Management System
  - Build-out (TMS)
  - Adaptive Ramp Metering
- Emergency Management
  - System Monitoring & Performance Measurement
  - Incident Management & Disaster Planning
  - > Traveler Information (Regional & Statewide)
- Integrated Corridor Management
  - Integrated Freeway & Arterial Operations
  - Transit/Rail, Pedestrians, & Bicyclists
- Operational Improvements & System Completion
  - Managed Lanes (High Occupancy Vehicle/Toll Lanes)
  - Strategic Improvements
- Embrace New Technology
  - Connected/Automated Vehicles & Infrastructure

System
Completion
and
Expansion

**Operational Improvements** 

Intelligent Transportation Systems Traveler Information/ Traffic Control Incident Management

Smart Land Use Demand Management/ Value Pricing

Maintenance and Preservation

**System Monitoring and Evaluation** 



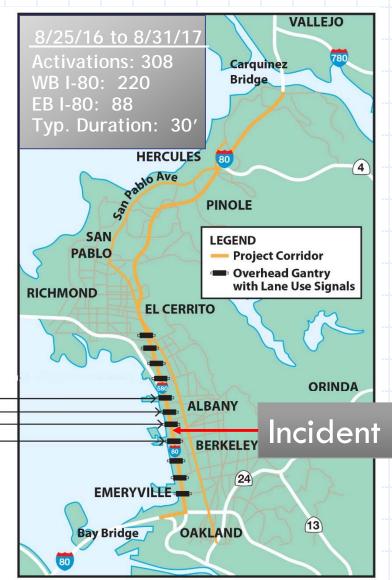


Freeway: Electronic signs on overhead gantries turn ON upstream of an incident, and immediately past.

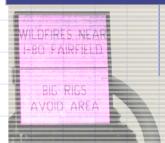
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**Freeway Information Display Board** 

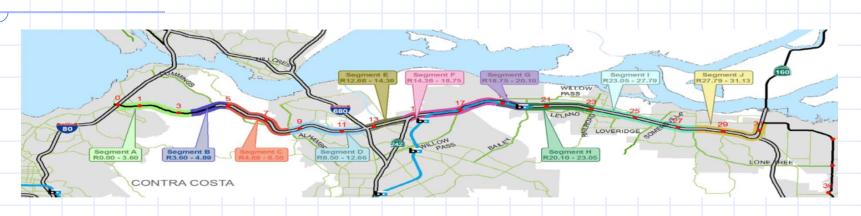


Arterial: Trailblazer Signs turn ON and signal "flush plan" implemented along main arterial to guide traffic back to freeway





# San Francisco Bay Area: Integrated Corridor Management State Route 4 Smart Corridor



- Approximately 30 miles from I-80 to SR-160 through seven cities
- In planning stage
- 18 month schedule: Prepare Concept of Operations & High Level System Requirements for:
  - Corridor Ramp Metering
  - > Incident Management
  - > Travel Demand Management

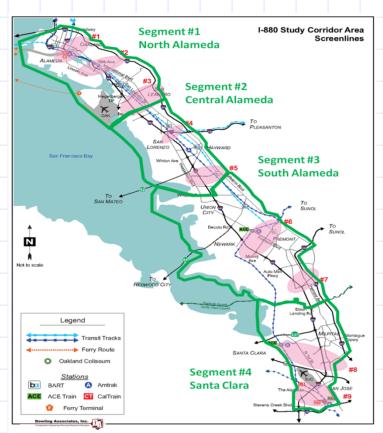


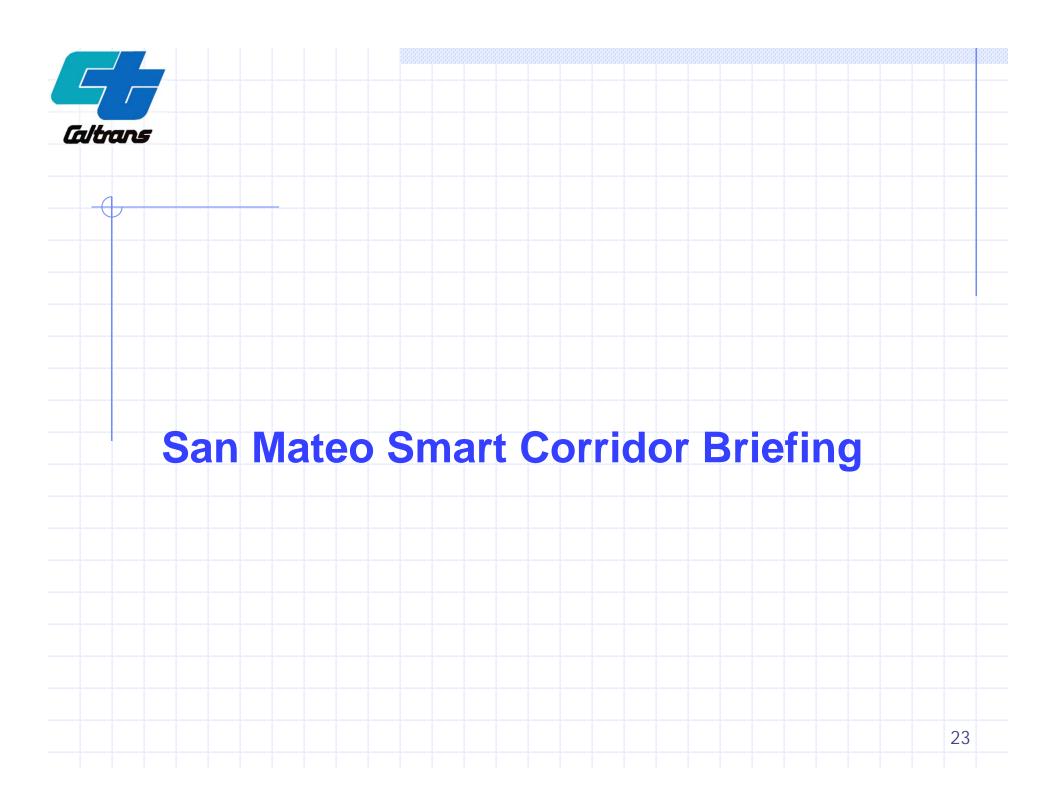
### San Francisco Bay Area Integrated Corridor Management

#### 25 miles Contra Costa I-680 Smart Corridor Benicia Bridge-Alameda Co. Line)

#### Moving I-680 Forward 7 Strategies Prepare the Corridor for Complete HOV/ the Future **Express Lanes** Innovative Cool Corridor Operational "Hot Spots" **Strategies Enhance TDM** Strategies Provide FM/LM Connections Increase Efficiency of Bus Services

# 32 miles Alameda I-880 Smart Corridor Oakland - San Jose





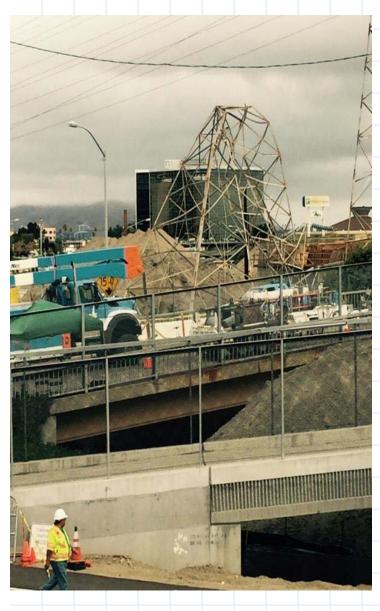


#### **Incident Management**

- We used the Smart Corridor for the incidents below
  - PG&E High Voltage Tower Collapse in Burlingame on August 28, 2015
  - Recreational Vehicle Fire in San Carlos on October 20,
     2016
  - Police action near Route 92 in San Mateo on April 28, 2017.



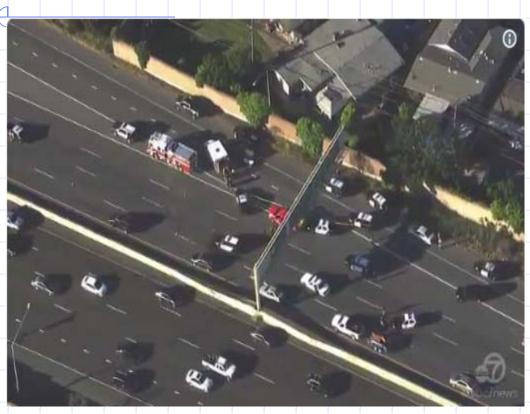
# Incident Management PG&E Power Transmission Tower Collapse



- Construction contractor hit PG&E Tower causing it to collapse on Friday night in both directions August 28, 2015.
- Southbound lanes were reopened the next day.
- Northbound lanes were reopened on Monday at 4:15 a.m.
- Broadway over crossing was reopened on Monday at 9:00 a.m.



## Incident Management Police Action near Route 92



- Police action on April 28, 2017 closed northbound US 101 around 6:15 p.m.
   Friday evening
- Drivers were diverted off the freeway at Ralston Ave.
- Freeway reopened on Saturday at 12:45 a.m.



# RV Fire Freeway Closure

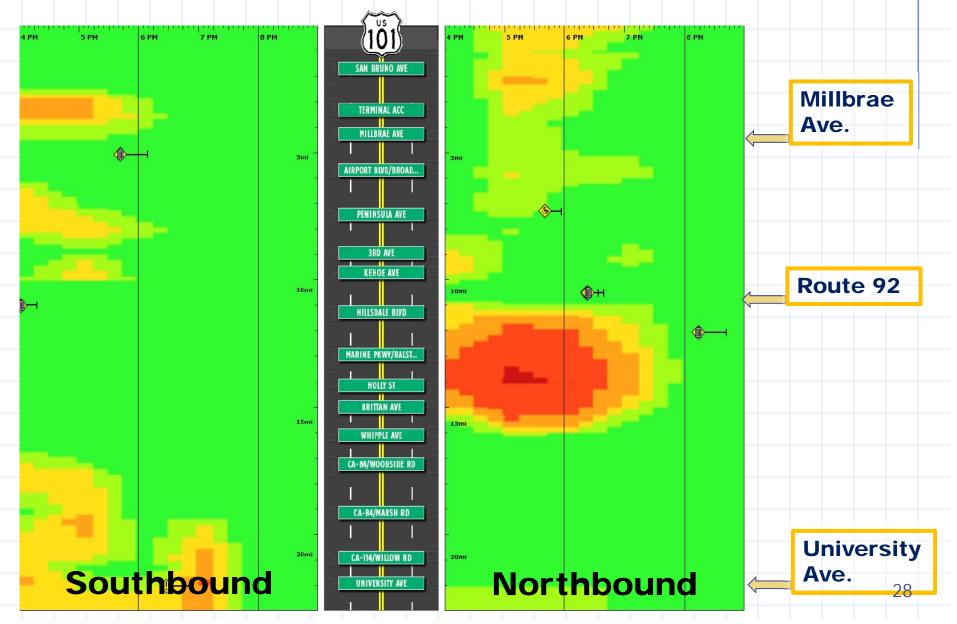
- US101 was closed at 5:15 p.m. in San Carlos on October 20, 2016 due to a fully engulfed recreational vehicle carrying 50 gallon propane tank, and 5 to 10 pound model rockets.
- Northbound drivers were diverted at Woodside Rd.
- Southbound drivers were diverted at Holly St.



- Northbound drivers were diverted at Woodside Rd.
- Southbound US 101 was reopened at 6:24 p.m. and two northbound left lanes reopened at 6:58 p.m.
- **♦** At 9:00 p.m., US 101 was fully opened.

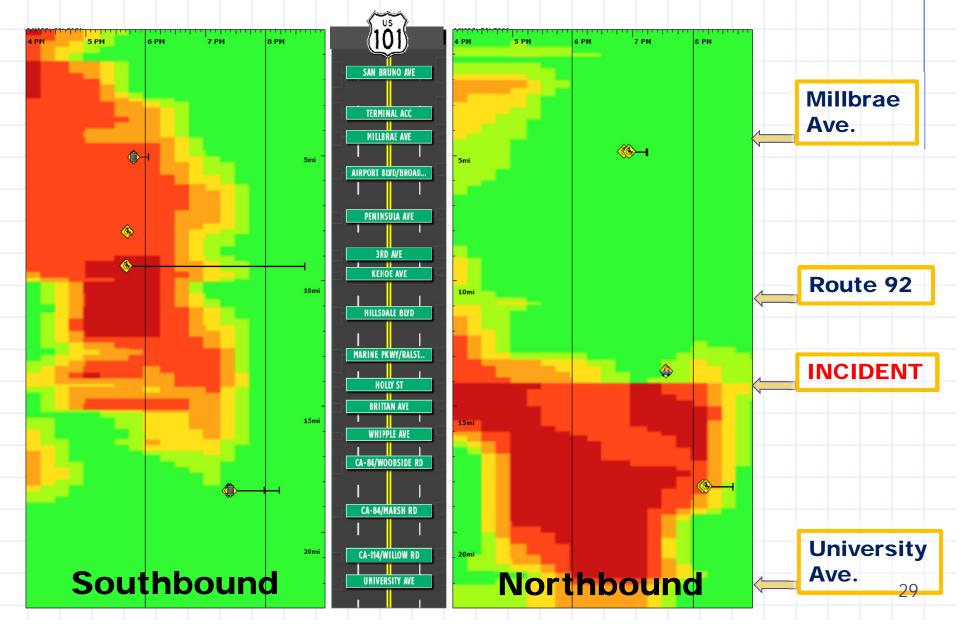


### US 101 Typical Day Congestion (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., October 13, 2016)



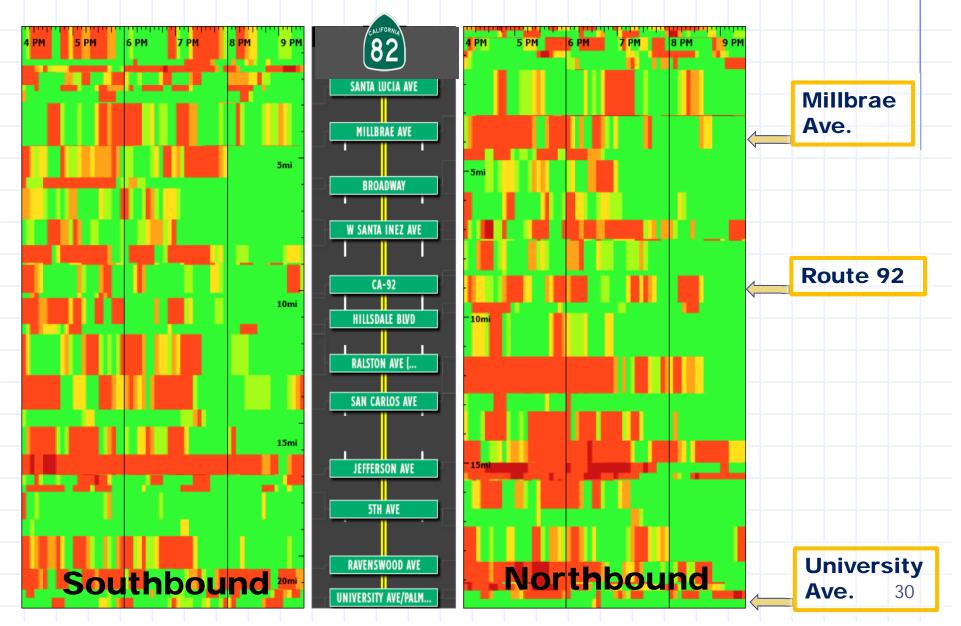


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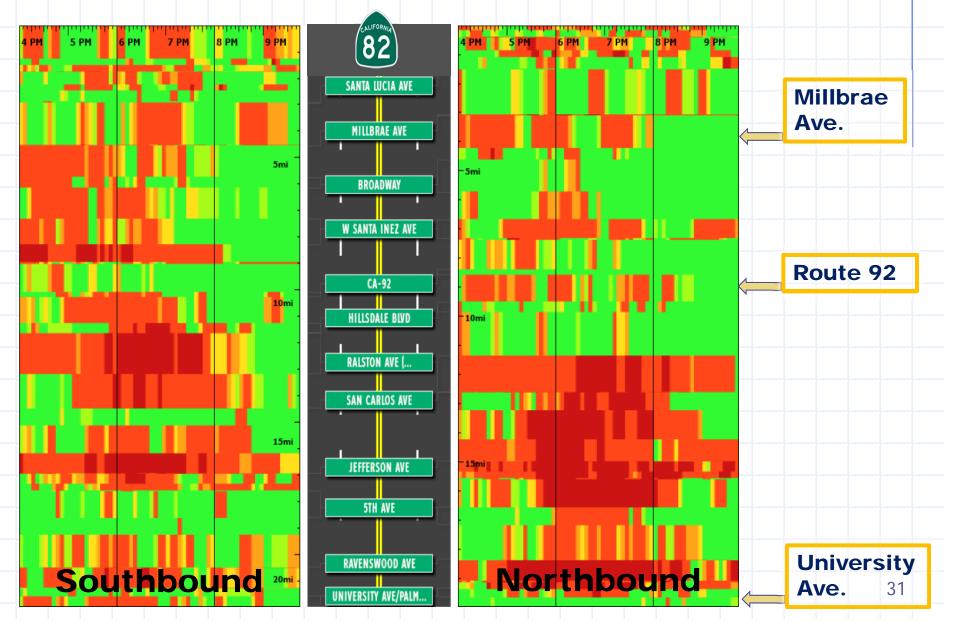


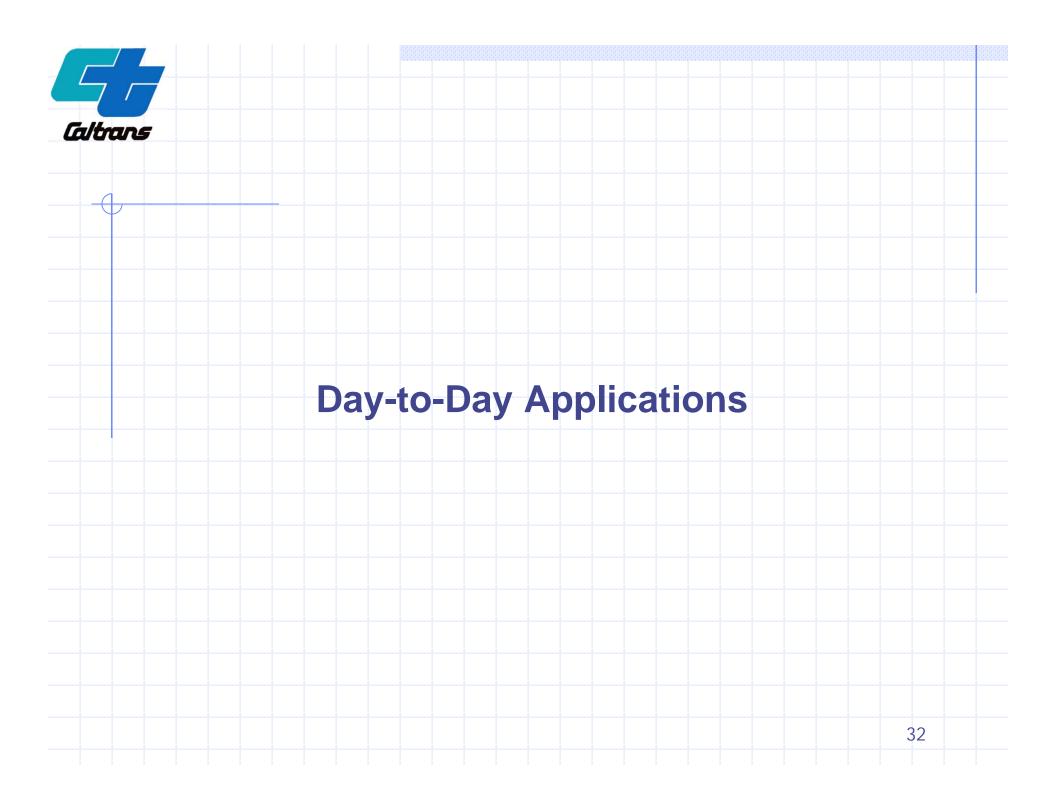
El Camino Real Typical Day Congestion (4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., October 13, 2016)





#### El Camino Real RV Fire Day (4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., October 20, 2016)







# Day-to-Day Applications Typical

- Monitor traffic conditions
- Update signal timing remotely
- Coordinate signals with local agencies
- Address complaints



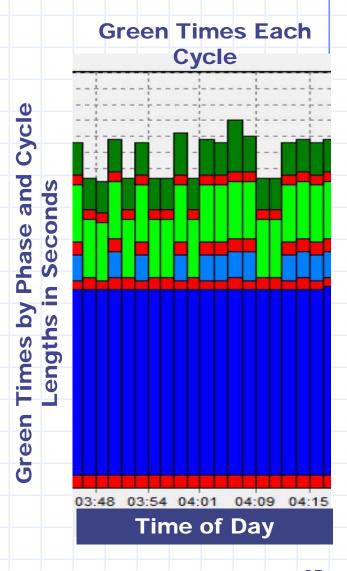
# Day-to-Day Applications Recent Examples

- Ralston Ave. and El Camino Real southbound left turn complaint.
- Coordinating of two closely spaced signals of Harbor Blvd. with El Camino Real and Old County Rd.
- Northbound and southbound US 101 off ramps to Marsh Rd.
- Half Moon Bay retiming.



# Day-to-Day Applications Historical Intersection Timing (HIT) Report

With the Smart corridor, we are able to view intersection operation remotely and see how the intersection operates 24 hours a day, everyday, to pinpoint problems and address them quickly.





#### **Moving Forward**

- Next Steps
  - Encourage agencies to add signals to the system.
- Additional Uses beyond current Smart Corridor
  - Work with agencies to use elements for special events.
  - Enhance communication between local agencies during freeway incident.
  - Partner with researchers and auto manufacturers to utilize Smart Corridor for autonomous vehicles/ connective applications.
- Expand the Smart Corridor to the Cities of Daly City, Colma, South San Francisco and Brisbane.

