

Email to Jim Mattison from Assemblymember Jim Frazier's office:

Good Morning Mr. Mattison,

8/3/17

Thank you for your patience as we collected the final details regarding your concerns involving Highway 4 intersections at Discovery Bay Blvd and Newport Drive.

Please find below the concerns you brought up and the agency's response to our office's inquiry about the items:

1. **Item #1:** Westbound Highway 4 travelers that use the right-hand turn lane to pass traffic on the right.
 - a. **Caltrans Response:**
 - i. Caltrans explained they will be putting in a small island in front of the median on Discovery Bay Blvd. and Newport Drive to force drivers to make the right-hand turn. In addition, they explained there will be a right turn only sign in the right-hand turn lane on westbound Highway 4 onto DB Blvd. There will also be a barrier for the right-hand turn onto DB Blvd.
 - ii. According to Caltrans, these barriers will hinder traffic from using these right-hand turn lanes as an extra Highway 4 lane.
2. **Item # 2:** Return DB traffic in the evening time, at both left hand turns onto Newport and Discovery Bay Blvd. backs up into eastbound Highway 4 traffic.
 - a. **Caltrans Response:** Per Caltrans, their electrical team has now added a longer sequence time to allow for more traffic to turn left into DB. The signal lights' sequence time was adjusted on June 6, 2017.
3. **Item # 3:** When turning right onto Highway 4 from DB Blvd., drivers are often hesitant to use the merge lane due to the traffic light having a red arrow, and traffic using the merge lane on Highway 4 as shortcut around traffic.
 - a. **Caltrans Response:**
 - i. Caltrans reports the barriers (discussed in #1 above) will help alleviate travelers using the merge lane as an extra westbound Highway 4 Lane.

We hope this information is helpful. Please let us know if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
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Poll: Should Caltrans make changes at Hwy 4 / Discovery Bay intersections to make them safer?

The safety of Discovery Bay drivers and their families are threatened every day by reckless drivers who use the designated right-hand turn lane to continue through intersections in order to pass traffic on the right. These dangerous maneuvers will no doubt end tragically with a critical injury or death(s). This practice has been going on for years and it's time for change. Please mark YES below to send a strong message to our District 11 Assemblymember and Caltrans!

Choose one:

YES
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