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## SR 37 Travel Time

As previously suggested, a causeway between US 101 and the Mare Island Inner-change alongside the existing SR 37 corridor will: maintain the existing VMT, require minimal land acquisition, provide travel patterns to service the existing communities, has the least environmental impact, requires little or no additional fill, can accommodate further SLR and landward marsh migration. This is also the most supported alternative.

To verify how long this proposed alternative would actually take, I decided to do a trial run. To simulate this causeway condition, I selected Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4 A.M. Hopefully no traffic, no intersection lights at Lakeville or at 121, and no RR crossing arms, thus simulating a "causeway" travel time.

After disturbing my wife's sleep and confusing the cat, I ventured out to first hand time my experiment.

As I entered eastbound SR 37 at 101, I set my cruise control at 55 MPH, although a large segment is posted at 65 MPH. A small area as you approach west side of 121 is posted at 50 MPH, the balance (121 to MI) is posted at 55 MPH, this setting would simulate a reasonable steady causeway traffic flow.

I was surprised at the amount of traffic (mostly trucks using Lakeville). In both directions at this early time on a Sunday, I was fortunate to not be stopped at Lakeville or 121 Intersection. After the loop around at MI and an uninterrupted westbound pace at 55 MPH was achieved, the result was 19 minutes each direction. I returned home and read the Sunday morning paper.

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