Why is a plan needed for the Highway 9 Corridor?

• Need comprehensive plan
• Focused on improving mobility for all users
• Reflect the community’s vision and priorities for the corridor
• Toolkit of options for corridor improvements
• Use limited funds efficiently, secure new funds
Project Team

• Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC)
• Caltrans
• County of Santa Cruz
• Santa Cruz METRO
• Supervisor McPherson
• Kimley-Horn & TrailPeople
• SLV Community
  – Residents, businesses, schools, community groups
Study Area: Felton to Boulder Creek

General:
• Felton to Boulder Creek  
  (Henry Cowell State Park to Hwy 9/Hwy 236 N)

Focus Area:
• Highway 9 and connecting side streets between town centers
Corridor Challenges

- Limited pedestrian walking/crossing facilities
- No on-road bicycle facilities
- Auto collisions, congestion
- Narrow ROW
- Sharp curves
- Steep hillsides
- Trees and other objects close to travel lane
- Limited funding
Goals and Objectives

• Safety
• Pedestrian Access and Connectivity
• Bike Access and Connectivity
• Sustainability/Reduce emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT)
• System Preservation and Maintenance

• Traffic Flow for Vehicles
• Transit Connectivity
• Economic Vitality
• Town Character Compatibility
• Public Support
• Ease of Implementation, including cost and available funding
• Anticipated Use Level

See Chapters 1 and 4
Corridor-wide Project Types

• Based on extensive public input
• 34 priorities
• Improve transportation facilities and safety for all modes of transportation
• Provide roadmap for implementation

See Chapters 2 and 3, Appendix A
Update and expand pedestrian walking facilities
Safety enhancements to crossing facilities
Bicycle facilities, and expanding informal facilities (shoulders) between villages
Reducing congestion at choke points
Slowing vehicle speeds
Improving parking access
Improving transit access and exploring transit options
Priority Improvements

- 28 location-based priority projects and concepts
- Draws from past plans
- Includes projects in:
  - Felton
  - Ben Lomond
  - Brookdale
  - Boulder Creek
  - Key locations between the villages

**Proposed New Facilities/Modifications**
- Improved transit stop
- New pedestrian lighting or signage
- New vehicle safety signage
- New or improved sidewalk or path
- New or improved crosswalk
- New multiuse path
- New or improved bike facility
- New or modified signal/intersection
- New or redesigned vehicle lane
- Redesigned parking
- No parking
- New stop sign

**Existing Features**
- Bike/ped route
- Public facility
- Park
- Stream

0 150 300 Feet
Felton Priority Improvements

- Sidewalk improvements and expansion
- Crosswalk enhancements
- Center turn lane
- Bike lanes
- Parking modifications
  Multimodal access to new library site and neighborhoods to the south
- Transit stop improvements
SLV Schools Campus
Priority Improvements

• Walking and biking connections to neighborhoods, Felton town center and Glen Arbor (north)
• Redesign entrances to improve traffic flow

Chapter 3.2
Ben Lomond Priority Improvements

- Sidewalk improvements and expansion
- Crosswalk enhancements
- Bike lanes
- Transit stop improvements
- Pedestrian and bicycle access to Alba Rd and Highland Park
Brookdale Priority Improvements

- Sidewalk improvements and expansion
- Crosswalk enhancements
- Transit stop improvements

Chapter 3.4
Boulder Creek Priority Improvements

- Sidewalk improvements and expansion
- Crosswalk enhancements
- Bike lanes
- Center turn lane
- Transit stop improvements
- Parking modifications
- Multimodal access north

Chapter 3.5
Implementation Plan (Ch. 4)

• Based on evaluation of priority projects
• Short, mid, and longer term implementation options
• Ongoing: maintenance, widen shoulders, upgrade crosswalks, reduce speeding
• Integrate projects or components as other projects implemented
• Secure funds
Next Steps

• Draft Document Online:
  www.sccrtc.org/slvplan
  – Comments due 2/15 (email slvplan@sccrtc.org)

• Open Houses:
  – Felton - Thurs 1/31
  – Boulder Creek - Wed 2/6

• Public Hearing:
  – RTC Meeting Scotts Valley City Hall, Thurs 2/7

• Online survey: www.sccrtc.org/slvplan
Questions?

Thank You!

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