



UNIFIED CORRIDOR
INVESTMENT STUDY



Hwy 1- Bus On Shoulder

Hwy 1- HOV Lanes

Hwy 1- Auxiliary Lanes

Hwy 1- Metering Ramps

<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Either the inside or outside shoulder and potential use of existing and future auxiliary lanes between Morrissey Blvd and State Park Drive</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Construct High Occupancy Vehicles (HOV) lanes for nine miles between Morrissey Blvd and San Andreas Rd in both directions including auxiliary lanes and reconstruction of interchanges and ramps and over and under-crossings</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Construct auxiliary lanes along Highway 1 between interchanges from State Park Dr. to San Andreas Rd. (These are in addition to auxiliary lanes approved in Measure D)</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Reconfiguration of on-ramps and local streets to allow for ramp metering and installation of ramp meters at interchanges between Morrissey Blvd and San Andreas Rd.</p>	
<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project specific planning effort underway• Consistent with 2040 RTP project list• Improves transit travel time and access to jobs, education, and services• Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing more transit options• Minor or no change in operating costs• Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired• Could accommodate future technologies• Minor new investment for capital costs may be required		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning effort underway• Multi-agency support• Improves auto travel times consistent with legislative requirements• Improves transit travel times• Improves access to jobs, education and services• Potential to increase land use and business development• Provides greater incentive to carpool• Improves transit access for people who do not drive• Could accommodate future technologies		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning effort underway• Improves safety• Improves traffic flow• Minor amounts of right of way may need to be acquired• Could accommodate future technologies• Moderate new investment for capital costs		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improves auto travel time consistent with legislative requirements• Improves access to jobs, education, and services• Potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions• Improves safety• Minor new investment for capital costs required• Some right-of-way may need to be acquired• Can accommodate future technologies	
<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limited shoulder width for buses at certain locations• Potential conflict with emergency, police, and disabled vehicles who use the shoulder• Traffic impacts at highway ramps due to bus priority• Safety concerns where buses cross on and off ramps• Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted due to increased right-of-way		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Potential increase in green house gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled• Moderate amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired• Design exceptions required to avoid impacting environmentally sensitive areas• Major new investment for capital costs required• Some funding sources may be available but unlikely Highway 1 will be competitive for amount of funds needed		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted• Design exceptions required to avoid impacting environmentally sensitive areas		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could result in queue overflow onto local streets• Ramps may need to be widened• Design exceptions required to reduce impacts to residential, commercial, and existing infrastructure• Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted	
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**Hwy 1- Additional Lanes on
San Lorenzo River Bridge**

**Hwy 1- Mission St.
Intersection Improvements**

Hwy 1- Rail Transit

<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Widen the Highway 1 bridge over the San Lorenzo River (just south of the Highway 1/9 intersection) from 2 lanes in each direction to 3 lanes southbound and 4 lanes northbound and bring the bridge up to seismic safety standards.</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Improve intersections along Mission St. in Santa Cruz to improve traffic flow and safety.</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Bi-directional rail service along Highway 1 between Depot Park in Santa Cruz and Pajaro Station just south of Watsonville.</p>	
<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent with City of Santa Cruz Capital Improvement Program• Improves traffic operations and safety• Improves access to jobs, education, and services• Brings structure up to seismic safety standards• Moderate new funding sources for capital costs required• New bridge design may reduce environmental impacts		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multi-agency support• Improves traffic flow and safety consistent with legislative requirements• Improves access to jobs, education, and services• Minor new investment for capital costs required• No new investment for operational costs• Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improves transit travel time and access to jobs, education, and services• Improves safety• Improves access for people who do not drive• Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing more transit options• Could accommodate future technology• Some funding sources may be available for capital costs	
<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May impact river habitat and species• Construction challenges to reduce impacts on traffic and environmentally sensitive areas• Few funding sources may be available for capital costs		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design exceptions required to minimize impacts to residential, commercial, and existing infrastructure		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not included in any planning studies and community input has not been solicited• Major new investment in capital costs and operations required• Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted• Complex permitting process• Moderate amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired• Construction challenges may require significant additional funds• Ridership may be limited by limited number of stops and distance to employment areas	
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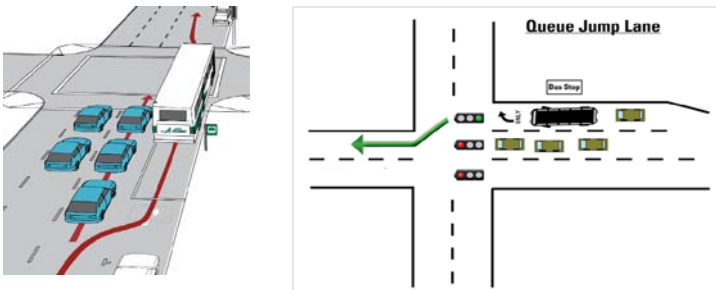
Soquel/Freedom – BRT Lite

Soquel/Freedom – Dedicated Lanes
for BRT and Biking

Soquel/ Freedom – Increase
Transit Frequency

Project Description

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) lite would reconfigure intersections where feasible for transit queue jumps and transit signal priority, and could include platform level boarding and electronic off-board fare collection for faster bus travel times.



Project Description

Lanes dedicated to buses and shared with bicycles that would occupy the existing right hand general purpose lane in segments where there are a minimum of two lanes in each direction.



Project Description

Increase bus frequency on Soquel Ave/Dr and Freedom Blvd to increase headways to every 10 minutes along Soquel Ave/Dr, every 10 minutes along Freedom Blvd within the City of Watsonville, and every 15 minutes on Freedom Blvd in rural areas



Project Benefits

- Consistent with other planning efforts
- Improves transit travel times and access for people who do not drive
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing faster transit options
- Minor new investment for capital costs required
- No new investment for operational costs
- Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired

Project Benefits

- Consistent with other planning efforts
- Improves transit travel time and access for people who do not drive
- Improves access to jobs, education, and services
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing faster transit and safer biking options
- Minor new capital and operational costs required
- Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired
- Could accommodate future technologies

Project Benefits

- Consistent with other planning efforts
- Improves access to jobs, education, and services
- Improves access for people who do not drive
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing more frequent transit
- Minor new investment for capital and operational costs

Project Challenges

- On-street parking may need to be relocated
- Traffic impacts due to transit priority at intersections
- Increased auto travel times

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Project Challenges

- Increases in ridership may be limited without improvements to travel time
- Few funding sources may be available for operational costs



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**Soquel/Freedom –
Buffered/Protected Bike Lanes**

**Soquel/Freedom – Intersection
Improvements for Automobiles**

**Soquel/ Freedom – Bike and
Pedestrian Improvements**

Project Description

Widen the bicycle lanes to five feet and provide a buffer next to the lanes with either striping or a physical barrier. Bike boxes at signalized intersections where there are shared lanes to improve bike visibility and safety.



Project Description

Automobile improvements at intersections including modifying the design and adding turn lanes in numerous locations to improve traffic flow.



Project Description

Bicycle and pedestrian improvements at intersections using a variety of best practices including bike boxes, green lane treatments and bulb outs, islands, and bicycle and pedestrian signal priority.



Project Benefits

- Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing safer bike options
- Improves health and bike safety for citizens
- Improves access for people who do not drive
- Minor new investment for capital and operational costs required
- Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired

Project Benefits

- Multi-agency support
- Improves traffic flow and safety at intersections consistent with legislative requirements
- Improves access to jobs, education, and services
- Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired
- Minor new investment for capital costs required
- No new investment for operational costs

Project Benefits

- Consistent with other planning efforts
- Improves access to jobs, education, and services
- Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing safer bike and walk options
- Improves safety for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired
- Could accommodate future technologies
- Minor new investment for capital and operational costs

Project Challenges

- On street parking may need to be relocated
- Traffic may be impacted if car lane width needs to be reduced.
- Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted if right-of-way is required

Project Challenges

- Design exceptions required to minimize impacts to residential, commercial, and existing infrastructure

Project Challenges

- Traffic may be impacted to accommodate bicycle and pedestrian improvements

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Rail ROW – Bike/Pedestrian Trail

Rail ROW – Local Rail Transit

Rail ROW – Bus Rapid Transit

Rail ROW – Freight Service

<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Bike and walk trial between Davenport and Watsonville/Pajaro with separation for bicyclists and walkers where feasible.</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Daily bi-directional passenger rail service between Westside Santa Cruz and Watsonville/Pajaro and weekend service between Davenport and Santa Cruz.</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Bi-directional BRT between Westside Santa Cruz and Watsonville utilizing the rail ROW between State Park Dr. and Natural Bridges Dr. where feasible, Hwy 1 and local streets.</p>		<p><u>Project Description</u></p> <p>Freight between Davenport and Watsonville/Pajaro. Freight service would be primarily during the non-peak hours to not conflict with passenger rail schedules</p>	
<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RTC policy based on MBSST Master Plan• Multi-agency support• Supported by voters through Measure D• Measure D funds available for trail• Improves health and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists• Improves access to jobs, education, and services• Reduces vehicle miles traveled and green house gas emissions by providing safer bike and walk options• Recreational asset• Improves access for people who do not drive		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rail Transit Feasibility Study solicited public input and provides information on rail transit option• Consistent with other planning efforts (MBSST Master Plan)• Improves transit travel time and access to jobs, education, and services• Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing faster transit options• Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired• Improves access for people who do not drive• Potential to increase land use and business development near rail right-of-way		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improves transit travel time and access to jobs, education, and services• Reduces vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions by providing faster transit options• Improves access for people who do not drive• Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired• Moderate new investment for capital and operational costs• Could accommodate future technologies		<p><u>Project Benefits</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current RTC policy• Supported by voters through Measure D• Alternative option for goods movement to/from businesses• Reduces greenhouse gas emissions• Improves safety by removing trucks off of roadways• Moderate new investment for capital costs required• Minor new investment for operational costs required• Could accommodate future technologies	
<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Some farmers have expressed concerns about impacts of trail on crop production• Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted• Soil Sampling, testing, and remediation of contaminated soils may be needed• Potential conflicts between different users• Trail only or trail with BRT will not meet Prop 116 funding requirements and may require \$11 million - \$25 million or more funds to be returned• Potential to lose construction funds from grants with trail only or trail with BRT• Minor amounts of right-of-way may need to be acquired• Construction challenges may require additional funds• Potential agricultural impacts		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horn noise from train has raised concerns from residents• Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted• Soil sampling, testing, and remediation of contaminated soils may be needed• Major new investment for capital and operational costs required• New funding source required for operations• Traffic impacts at intersections• Potential conflicts with bikes and pedestrians on trail		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Has not gone through public process and would require a new planning effort to solicit public input• Environmentally sensitive areas may be impacted• Soil sampling, testing, and remediation of contaminated soils may be needed• Traffic impacts at intersections• Potential conflicts with bikes and pedestrians on trail• Not consistent with Proposition 116 funding requirements for purchase of rail right-of-way and therefore may require \$11 million - \$25 million or more in funds to be returned		<p><u>Project Challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horn noise from train has raised concerns from residents	
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Unified Corridor Investment Study, Public Workshop Materials, October 2 & 3, 2017

This map illustrates the proposed improvements for Highway 1 along the coast from Davenport to Watsonville. The map includes labels for Davenport, Scotts Valley, Santa Cruz, Capitola, Aptos, and Watsonville. Key roads shown include Highway 1, Soquel Ave Dr, and Freedom Blvd. A legend in the bottom left corner defines the improvement types: Ped/Bike Improvements (blue line), Bus Improvements (yellow line), Rail Improvements (black line), Automotive Improvements (orange line), and Existing Highway 1 (grey line). The map shows the Highway 1 corridor with various improvement segments and a proposed Rail ROW (Right of Way) area.

Please provide your input on this scenario by giving it a whale tail up (Yes) or whale tail down (No):

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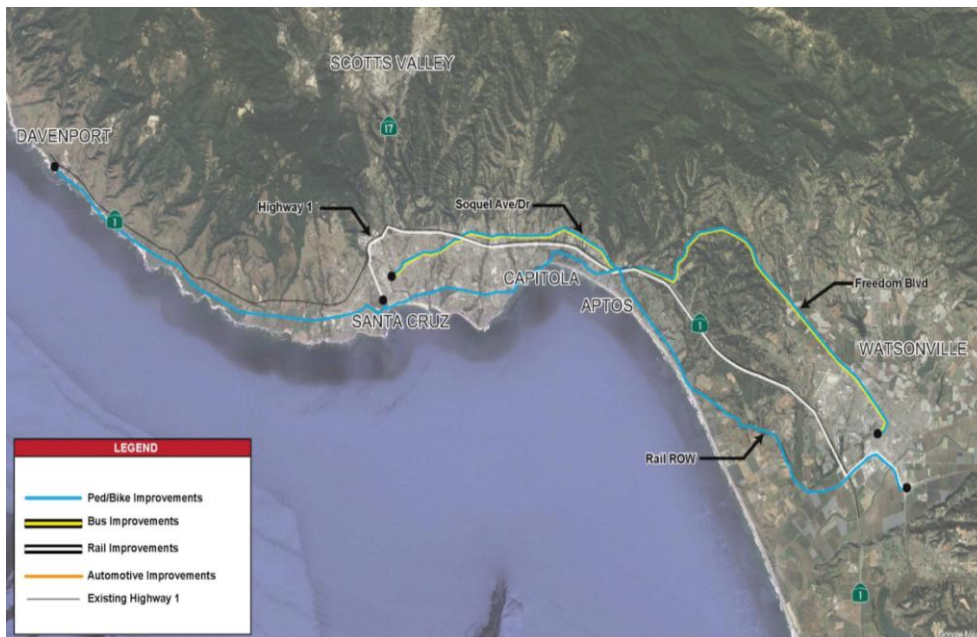
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Unified Corridor Study Scenarios

Scenario D

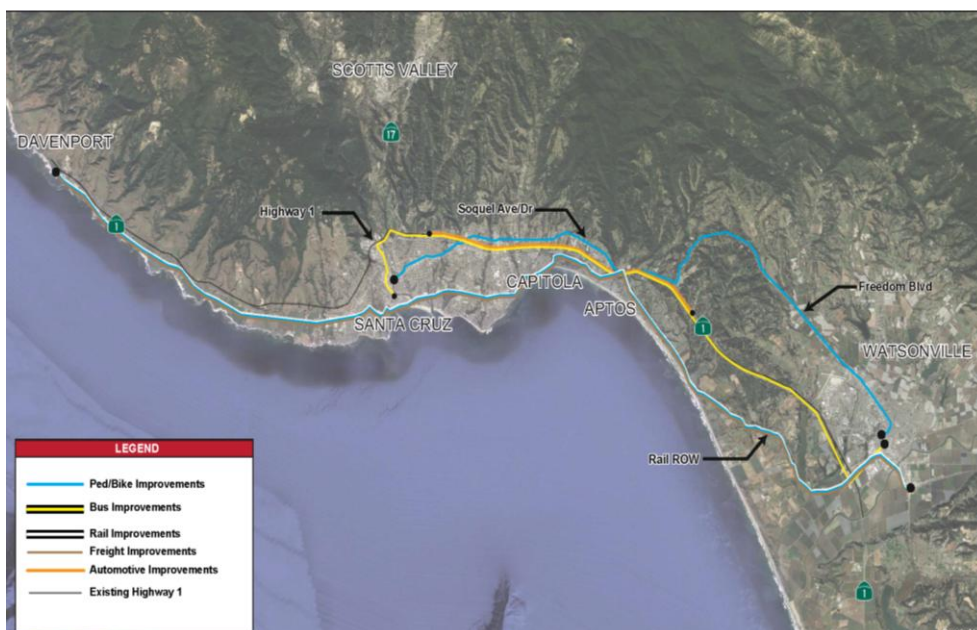


Scenario D	Highway 1	Soquel/ Freedom	Rail ROW
Projects	Rail Transit, Automated Vehicles	Dedicated Lane for BRT and Bike	Bike & Pedestrian Trail
Increasing Capacity	Rail Transit	Bus Transit, Biking	Biking, Walking
Operational Improvements	Auto*		
Cost	Major	Minor	Moderate
Potential Significant Benefits	Transit Travel Time/ Reliability, Auto Safety*, Reduction in VMT/GHG	Transit Travel Time/Reliability, Reduction in VMT/GHG	Bike/Pedestrian Safety, Health. Reduction in VMT/GHG
Potential Significant Challenges	ROW, Environmental, Regulatory	Traffic Impacts	Regulatory

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Scenario E

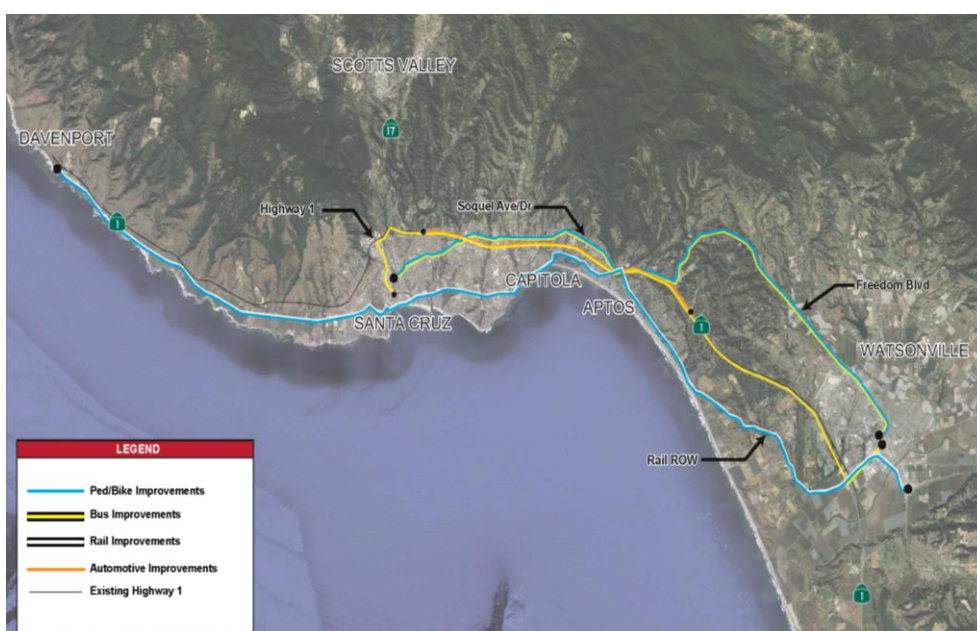


Scenario E	Highway 1	Soquel/ Freedom	Rail ROW
Projects	HOV Lanes, Auxiliary Lanes, Ramp Metering	Buffered/Protected Bike Lanes, Bike/Pedestrian Intersection Improvements	Bike & Pedestrian Trail, Rail Transit, Freight Service
Increasing Capacity	Auto, Bus Transit (using HOV lanes)	Biking	Biking, Walking, Rail Transit
Operational Improvements		Biking, Walking	Rail Freight
Cost	Major	Minor	Major
Potential Significant Benefits	Auto & Transit Travel Time/Reliability, Auto Safety	Bike/Pedestrian Safety, Health, reduction in VMT/GHG	Equity, Bike/Pedestrian Safety, Health, Transit Travel Time/Reliability Reduction in VMT/GHG, Transit Oriented Development , Goods Movement
Potential Significant Challenges	ROW, Environmental	Traffic & Parking Impacts	Environmental

Please provide your input on this scenario by giving it a whale tail up (Yes) or whale tail down (No):



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Scenario F



Scenario F	Highway 1	Soquel/ Freedom	Rail ROW
Projects	Bus on Shoulders, Ramp Metering	Dedicated lane for BRT & Bike, Bike/Pedestrian Intersection Improvements	Bike & Pedestrian Trail, Rail Transit
Increasing Capacity		Bus Transit, Biking	Biking, Walking, Rail Transit
Operational Improvements	Auto, Bus Transit	Biking, Walking	
Cost	Minor	Minor	Major
Potential Significant Benefits	Auto & Transit Travel Time/Reliability	Transit Travel Time/Reliability, Health, Reduction in VMT/GHG	Equity, Bike/Pedestrian Safety, Health, Transit Travel Time/Reliability Reduction in VMT/GHG, Transit Oriented Development
Potential Significant Challenges	Regulatory, Traffic Impacts on local	Traffic Impacts	Environmental

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HIGHWAY 1 PROJECTS

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WRAP UP

Welcome

Tell us which transportation improvements should be considered in Santa Cruz County and analyzed further in the Unified Corridor Study (UCS).

The survey provides you with information about the potential feasibility and community benefits of each project to inform your selections. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

Info about the survey

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Rail transit on
Hwy 1

Please rate this project:

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 Optional Comment



Community support & plan consistency



Advances economic, equity,
environmental goals



Compatibility w/ regulations



Minimize public expenditures



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More about this

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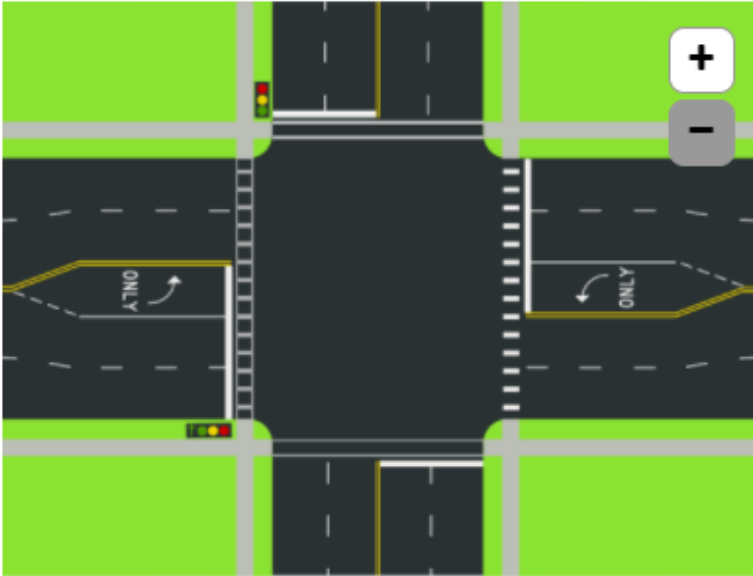
Auto improvements at intersections include modifying the design and adding turn lanes in numerous locations to improve traffic flow.

More about this

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Stay Involved

What to do

Final Questions

Where do you live?

Select...

What is your age?

Select...

What is your employment status?

Select...

Do you currently drive a car?

Select...

Enter your email to receive updates

Type...


Submit Final Questions

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Thank you for your input!

Your survey responses have been recorded. Before signing off, please tell us a little bit about yourself. Visit the project [website](#) to learn more.

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