

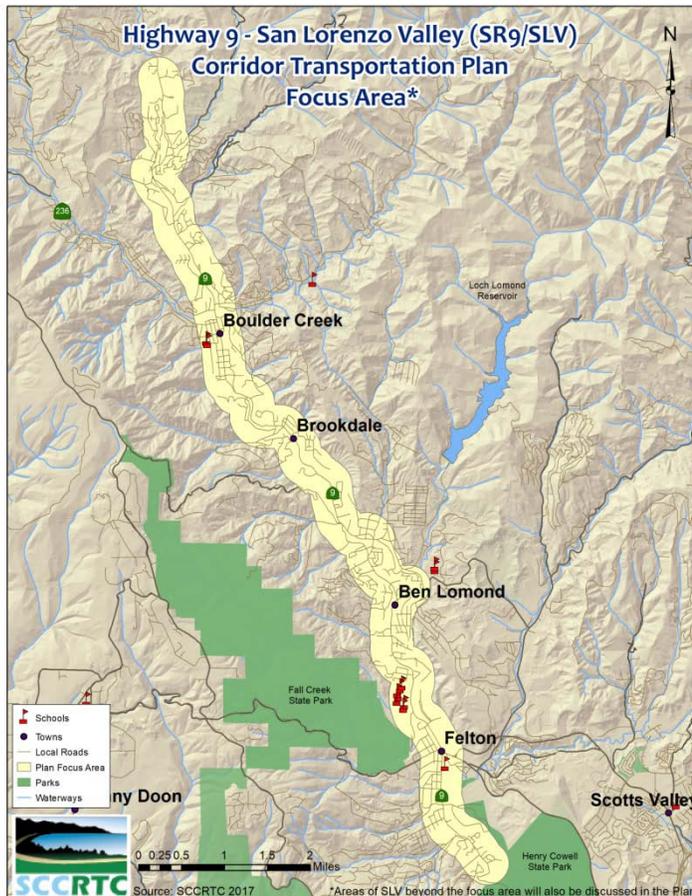
Project Summary

A complete streets plan is being prepared for Highway 9 and connecting county roads through San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) that identifies, prioritizes, and enables implementation of the most critical and cost effective transportation projects. This mountainous roadway serves as the “Main Street” and economic center for the towns of Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, and Boulder Creek and as an interregional arterial connecting Silicon Valley and Santa Cruz. This plan will focus on safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists; access to schools, businesses, and bus stops; traffic operations, pavement conditions, drainage and other needs in this travel corridor.



Why is this plan needed?

A comprehensive multimodal transportation plan is needed to evaluate and prioritize transportation projects that can be implemented in the short and mid-term to address challenges on the corridor, especially since state, federal, and local revenues are severely constrained.



This comprehensive plan for Highway 9 through San Lorenzo Valley will:

- build on past public input and planning activities,
- document existing conditions,
- identify infrastructure gaps,
- answer questions about what can be done within Caltrans’ right-of-way,
- provide data, evaluation, and public deliberation to make informed decisions,
- identify priorities for voter-approved [Measure D](#) funds designated for the corridor.



This corridor-specific plan will be a stepping stone to securing funding for priority investments and provide a framework for partnering with Caltrans to implement investments that address community concerns, improve multi-modal safety, access, connectivity, economic vitality and

environmental quality, and improve the condition of existing infrastructure (e.g. fill potholes). The completed plan will include conceptual complete street designs and be used to facilitate subsequent design, environmental review and construction of improvements.

Public Outreach

San Lorenzo Valley residents, businesses, community groups, parents and school administrators regularly express concerns about Highway 9. Meetings held since 2013 have accentuated the need for a comprehensive plan. Building upon past public outreach efforts, community meetings were held in October 2016 and May 2017 and an online survey solicited input during summer 2017. The project team will continue to gather input from community members, including organizations who serve low-income individuals and families, monolingual Spanish speakers, seniors, persons with disabilities, and youth throughout development of the plan using a range of collaborative activities, including surveys, Town Hall meetings, and grassroots outreach.

- The community can sign up for the Highway 9 E-news List by emailing info@sccrtc.org, calling 831-460-3200 or signing up on the RTC website: <http://sccrtc.org/about/esubscriptions/>
- Comments can be sent to SCCRTC: info@sccrtc.org or 1523 Pacific Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

Major Milestones

- Corridor Travel Analysis and Needs Assessment: Included review of existing and projected future conditions and identification of potential projects (investment options) that improve access, mobility, safety, and operations.
- Spring/Summer 2017: Community members provided input on the Draft Phase 1 Report (available online at www.sccrtc.org/slv), identified goals and objectives, and challenge areas, and provided input on some of specific ideas previously prioritized by the community.
- **Underway:** Evaluation and Prioritization of Investment Options. Evaluation criteria are being used to analyze the degree to which different projects/investments would address challenges and advance goals for the corridor. This analysis will result in a prioritized list of short-term and mid-term projects that are reasonable to implement in consideration of financial realities and community priorities.
- Corridor Plan: The final plan is expected to reflect community consensus on investment priorities. *The draft plan is expected to be available for public review in 2018.*

Project Team

The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) is the lead agency for this project, implemented in partnership with Caltrans, the County of Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District (METRO), residents, businesses, schools, and other stakeholders. The consultant team of Kimley-Horn and TrailPeople is preparing the plan.



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