



PROJECT FACT SHEET

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Felton CAPM Complete Streets Augmentation of Caltrans Capital Preventative Maintenance Project (EA 05-1K890)

Project Description

The Highway 9 Felton Capital Preventative Maintenance (CAPM) project (Caltrans EA 05-1K890) spans State Route 9 from the Santa Cruz city limits through the downtown Felton commercial district to just north of the San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) tri-school campus at El Solvo Heights Drive.

State Route 9 serves as the main street for downtown Felton and the primary arterial for the San Lorenzo Valley, carrying commuters, freight, local residents, transit users, and students. However, the corridor presents significant active transportation challenges:

- **Pedestrian Gaps:** Missing sidewalk connections force pedestrians to navigate unpaved or informal shoulders and walk adjacent to traffic.
- **Transit Access:** Bus stops serving METRO riders and students frequently lack dedicated, protected sidewalk approaches or ADA-compliant features.
- **School Safety Concerns:** The SLV Tri-School campus (elementary, middle, and high schools) experiences significant pickup and drop-off congestion, and low rates of students walking or biking to school.
- **Highway Speeds vs. Downtown Walkability:** Balancing state highway and freight traffic with town center pedestrian mobility requires enhanced, traffic-calming and crosswalk infrastructure.



Project Highlights

- ▶ **Enhance School & Transit Connectivity:** Completing safe, continuous pedestrian routes currently under construction by Caltrans (05-1M400) to connect downtown Felton town to local transit stops and the SLV Tri-School campus.
- ▶ **Calm Traffic in downtown Felton:** Introduce physical streetscape features—such as curb extensions and refuge islands—that encourage safer driver behavior through town.
- ▶ **Improve Crosswalk Safety & Visibility:** Install high-visibility markings, pedestrian refuge spaces, and flashing beacon technology along key Highway 9 crossings.
- ▶ **Upgrade Bicycle Facilities:** Enhance multi-modal safety at key intersections to better accommodate bicyclists transitioning along and across State Route 9.

Project Delivery Strategy

While Caltrans' primary scope focuses on pavement preservation and state highway asset maintenance, the SCCRTC has partnered directly with Caltrans District 5 to augment the project. By leveraging local funding, SCCRTC is integrating multi-modal safety enhancements into Caltrans' repaving footprint. This collaborative effort transforms standard maintenance into a multi-benefit corridor project that directly implements recommendations from the *San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Corridor Plan* and the *SLV Schools Access Study*.



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Total Programming

Estimated Total Cost	\$ 15,354,000
Funding Sources	
Caltrans SHOPP	\$ 12,875,000
SCCRTC 2023 Consolidated Grant Program	\$ 1,800,000
Measure D	\$ 679,000

Project Status/Schedule

2019–2023: Completion of the Highway 9/SLV Complete Streets Corridor Plan and the SLV Schools Access Study.

2022–2025: Scope approval and engineering integration into Caltrans EA 05-1K890.

2026–2027: Final environmental documentation, right-of-way alignment, and final design PS&E (Plans, Specifications, & Estimates).

2028: Construction start anticipated for Caltrans 05-1K890 repaving and complete

