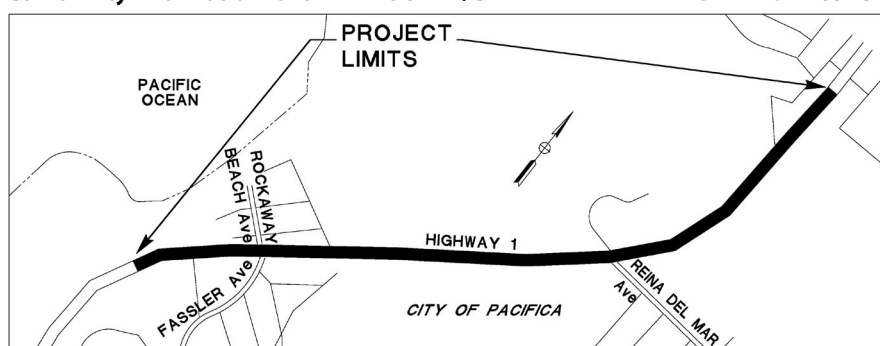


PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) and Public Meeting and Notice of Availability of Project-Level Conformity Information for STATE ROUTE 1/CALERA PARKWAY WIDENING PROJECT



WHAT'S BEING PLANNED The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA) and the City of Pacifica, propose to widen State Route 1 (SR 1) from four lanes to six lanes (three through-lanes in each travel direction) in the City of Pacifica, County of San Mateo, California. The portion of SR 1 proposed for widening extends from approximately 1,500 feet south of Fessler Avenue/Rockaway Beach Avenue to approximately 2,300 feet north of Reina Del Mar Avenue, a distance of 1.3 miles. The project includes improvements to the two intersections within the proposed project limits. The purpose of this project is to improve traffic operations by decreasing traffic congestion and improving peak-period travel times along a congested segment of SR 1 within the City of Pacifica.

WHY THIS AD Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Caltrans, in cooperation with the TA and the City of Pacifica, has studied the environmental impacts of this project. This analysis shows that with the incorporation of mitigation measures, the proposed project will not significantly affect the quality of the environment. The document that explains this conclusion is called the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (Draft EIR/EA). CEQA requires this notice to disclose whether any listed toxic sites are present at the project location. One property adjacent to the project alignment, located at 4115 Cabrillo Highway, is listed as a closed case on the Cortese List.

This notice is to inform you that the Draft EIR/EA is available for a 60-day public review period, from **August 8, 2011** to **October 7, 2011**. A public meeting is scheduled on **September 22, 2011** to accept comments on the Draft EIR/EA. Public comments may also be submitted at any time during the review period to the California Department of Transportation at the address listed below.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has designated the Bay Area as nonattainment for the national 24-hour standard for fine particulate matter. Fine particulate matter, known as PM2.5 (that is, particles smaller than 2.5 microns), can be inhaled and irritate the lungs. Therefore, some transportation projects must be evaluated for their potential to result in localized concentrations of PM2.5 levels, known as "hot spots." The evaluation takes place as an interagency effort among the sponsor of the transportation project, an Air Quality Conformity Task Force, and the Federal Highway Administration. The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) facilitates the Air Quality Conformity Task Force. The MTC is also responsible for determining that projects included in the 2035 Regional Transportation Plan (including the US 101/Broadway Interchange Reconstruction Project) are in conformity with the State Implementation Plan for achieving the goals of the Clean Air Act.

Caltrans, the TA, and the City of Pacifica consulted with the Air Quality Conformity Task Force to obtain a determination of whether the project is a "Project of Air Quality Concern" for PM2.5. Consultation began in March 2011 when the TA submitted a Project Assessment Form for PM2.5 Interagency Consultation. The form describes the project's potential effects on local PM2.5 levels. The form is available for public review beginning on the next page.

On April 28, 2011, the Air Quality Conformity Task Force determined that the project is not a "Project of Air Quality Concern."

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform with the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for carbon monoxide (CO) and particulate matter (PM2.5) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a Project of Air Quality Concern regarding particulate matter (PM2.5) as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM2.5 hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are met without an explicit hot-spot analysis. Comment is requested regarding the project-level conformity analysis.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE The Draft EIR/EA, maps, and other project information, along with the Project-Level Conformity Information, are available for review at the following locations:

- Department of Transportation District 4 Office, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, CA
- San Mateo County Transportation Authority, 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA
- Sanchez Library, 1111 Terra Nova Blvd., Pacifica, CA
- Sharp Park Library, 104 Hilton Way at Palmetto, Pacifica, CA
- Pacifica City Hall, 170 Santa Maria Avenue, Pacifica, CA
- Community Center, 540 Crespi Drive at Highway 1, Pacifica, CA
- Planning Department, 1800 Francisco Blvd., Pacifica, CA
- Public Works – Engineering Division, 151 Milagra Drive, Pacifica, CA

Electronic versions of the document also are available online at:

- www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm
- www.smcta.com
- www.cityofpacifica.org

WHERE YOU COME IN You are invited to review the Draft EIR/EA and/or Project-Level Conformity Evaluation for this project and provide comments to us. A public meeting will be held to solicit comments and questions on the environmental analysis and impacts evaluated in the Draft EIR/EA. The meeting will begin with an open house, followed by a brief presentation and public comments/questions. Verbal or written comments on the Draft EIR/EA may be submitted at the public meeting, or at any time during the review period.

Open House/Public Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, September 22, 2011
Open House: 6:30 p.m.
Public Meeting: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

WHERE: Pacifica Community Center
540 Crespi Drive, Pacifica, CA

Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 7, 2011, and can be submitted via U.S. mail, fax, or e-mail to:

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CONTACT For more information about this study or any transportation matter, call CALTRANS at (510) 286-4444. Individuals who require documents in alternative formats are requested to contact the District 4 Public Affairs Office at (510) 286-6445. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service TDD line at 1-800-735-2929 or Voice Line at 1-800-735-2922.

