



**FACT SHEET**

**WINTER 2020**

**Project Overview**

The [San Mateo 101 Express Lanes Project](#) will create 22 miles of express lanes on U.S. 101 from the San Mateo County/Santa Clara County line to I-380 in South San Francisco. The San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) Board of Directors is committed to improving mobility options for historically underserved communities. The SMCEL-JPA is conducting an Equity Study to learn more about potential mobility improvements the San Mateo 101 Express Lane project can help address in these communities. The study will recommend an equity program designed to help with those needs.

**About the Equity Study**

The Equity Study will take a multi-pronged approach to understanding the underlying issues facing underserved communities as a basis for recommending an equity program. Building off the work conducted through the [US-101 Mobility Action Plan](#), which includes an extensive list of equity-oriented actions that address barriers to transportation, the Equity Study will take the next steps of evaluating equity options and strategies, including a pilot program that can evolve over time, in parallel with the phased implementation of the San Mateo 101 Express Lanes and in response to changing community needs.

**GET INVOLVED!**

We need your feedback to complete the Equity Study. Here's how you can get involved:

**Virtual Community Meeting**

Tuesday, November 17, 2020  
5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. PST

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/101Equity>

Call in Option: (669) 900-9128  
Zoom Webinar ID: 978 8130 5909

**Submit Your Comments Online**

Share your thoughts in the comment box on our website at [www.smcta.com/101equity](http://www.smcta.com/101equity)

To find out about more meetings and other ways to get involved, visit our website

**DESIRED OUTCOMES**



Flexible pilot program that adapts to changing needs and feedback



Encourages mode shift to high-occupancy modes



Strategies benefit historically underserved communities as well as low-income travelers who live near or use the lanes



Supports the Express Lanes benefits and goals (mobility, travel time, and reliability)



Pilot program reflects input from historically underserved communities



Improves the connectivity of the transportation network in communities adjacent to the corridor



Strategies are replicable and could be expanded regionally

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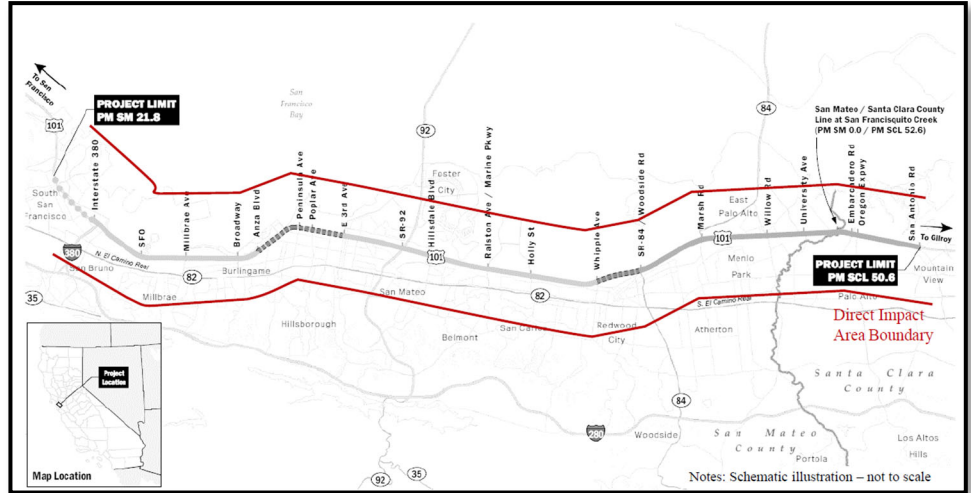
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## STUDY APPROACH

Supported by a robust public engagement strategy with input from underserved communities, the Equity Study will:

- **Identify** historically underserved communities who use and/or live adjacent to the express lanes
- **Define** metrics to assess the existing transportation conditions such as average travel time by car and transit, travel cost, access to jobs, and barriers to transportation
- **Partner** with the community to understand transportation needs and solicit input on program options



▲ Map of Proposed Study Populations

- **Compare** metrics between underserved communities and San Mateo County's general population to understand how transportation benefits are distributed
- **Evaluate** options using the technical analysis and community input to help address obstacles to mobility, gathering input through additional outreach to underserved communities, the public, and other stakeholders
- **Recommend** an equity program intended to maximize benefits to underserved communities

## STUDY TIMELINE

