State Route 1/Calera Parkway Project
Public Meeting
September 22, 2011

Pacifica Community Center
540 Crespi Drive, Pacifica, CA
Welcome and Purpose of Meeting

- Provide public an opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Document and interact with the project team

- Discuss project background, environmental process, and environmental analysis

- Public comment period remains open until October 7, 2011
Stakeholders/Roles

• Caltrans
  – Lead Agency for Environmental Process
  – Owner/Operator of State Route 1

• SMCTA and City of Pacifica
  – Sponsoring Agencies
  – Project management, support, and local coordination
  – Funding

• The Public
  – Provided scoping input
  – Review Draft ED and provide comments

• Regulatory Agencies
  – Permitting
Project History Overview

NEED IDENTIFIED

Measure “A” Approved

Barrier Project

PROJECT STUDY REPORT

PSR Approved

Preliminary Studies

Scoping Mtg #1

ENVIRONMENTAL PHASE

Scoping Mtg #2

Information Mtg

Comment Mtg
• What we heard from the public
  – Questioned the need for the project
  – Wanted more information regarding other alternatives considered
  – Suggested other strategies to address congestion
  – Wanted to hear more about the work that has been done
  – Asked about opportunities for public input

• Commitment made to follow up with a Public Information Meeting
Public Information Meeting 6/22/10

• Presented
  – Project history and background
  – Traffic projections and future traffic impacts if no project
  – Discussion of the project alternatives that had been studied
  – Answered questions and listened to concerns & comments

• What we heard from the public
  – Questions about the extent of future traffic problem
  – Variety of opinions both for and against the project
  – Concerns that ultimate goal was to build a freeway
Traffic Analysis Summary

• Data collection
  – Traffic counts and observations done in 2005 & 2007

• Congestion and traffic bottlenecks
  – Northbound in the morning
  – Southbound in the evening
  – Reina Del Mar Avenue and Fassler Avenue intersections

• Traffic projections
  – 2015 (Construction complete) and 2035 (Design Year)
  – 0.75% growth rate per year based on historic traffic growth; verified against regional growth projections (ABAG)
Existing (blue) & Year 2035 (red)
Morning (Northbound)
Peak Hour
Average Backup

Without project
Existing (blue) & Year 2035 (red) Evening (Southbound) Peak Hour Average Backup

Without project
Summary of Alternatives

- Large range of alternatives evaluated
  - Highway widening
  - Grade separations
  - Roundabouts
  - Frontage roads
  - Signal timing changes
  - Increased transit
  - Reversible lane

- Only the six-lane widening concept provides appreciable traffic benefit without significant impacts or infeasible cost
“Narrow Median” Alternative

Key Features
- Widen 4 lanes to 6 lanes
- Length 1.3 miles
- Standard 10-foot shoulders

Assessment
- Provides congestion relief through Year 2035
- No wetland impacts
- Reduces widening south of Fassler
- Wide shoulders for bicyclists and safety
“Landscaped Median” Alternative

Key Features
- Same as Narrow Median with…
- 16’ wide landscaped median between San Marlo Way & Reina Del Mar
- Landscaping raised between barriers

Assessment
- Provides congestion relief through Year 2035
- Landscaping provides visual enhancement
- Increased cost
- More right of way impact
Notice of Preparation

Scoping Meeting (3/3/10)

Environmental Studies

Public Information Meeting (6/22/10)

Prepare Draft Environmental Document

Public Circulation (8/8/11--10/7/11)

Public Meeting (9/22/11)

Prepare Final Environmental Document

Approval of Environmental Document
Environmental Constraints

- Homes and Businesses
- Topography
- Archaeological Resources
- Historic Property
- Calera Creek
- Endangered Species
- Wetlands
- Coastal Zone
Purpose of EIR/EA

• Combined CEQA/NEPA Document

• Disclose information to public and decision makers about project’s physical environmental impacts
  – Describes project purpose and alternatives being considered
  – Examines environmental impacts
  – Describes avoidance, minimization and/or mitigation measures

• Three Alternatives: Narrow Median, Landscaped Median & No Build

• Not focused on economics/financing/funding

• Written according to requirements of CEQA and NEPA
Issues/Topics Evaluated

- Land Use – Property Acquisition
- Growth
- Utilities & Services
- Traffic and Transportation
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Cultural Resources
- Hydrology and Flooding
- Water Quality and Runoff
- Hazardous Waste/Materials
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Biological Resources
- Climate Change/Greenhouse Gases
- Construction Impacts
- Cumulative Impacts
• Land Use – Property Acquisition (p. 16-19)
  – R/W and Easements needed from parcels along SR-1
  – Relocation of residence & businesses between Old County Road and State Route 1
  – Acquisitions and Relocation to be implemented in accordance with state and federal laws

• Traffic and Transportation (p. 60-72)
  – Improvement compared to existing and projected future conditions
  – Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
Draft EIR/EA Results

• Visual/Aesthetics (p. 73-91)
  – Change appearance at locations along alignment (Photo Simulations begin on p. 81)
  – Removal of trees and shrubs along SR-1
  – Retaining walls

• Cultural Resources (p. 92)
  – Mitigation to avoid archaeological site (p. 95)
  – No change to historic resources
Draft EIR/EA Results

• Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases (p. 121, p. 187)
  – No long-term impacts, minor improvement
  – Determined to meet AQ Conformity/Goals
  – Short-term construction impacts

• Noise (p. 127)
  – No long-term impacts
  – Short-term construction impacts
• **Biological Resources** (p. 135-170)
  - Wetlands and riparian habitats = Avoided
  - Mitigation included for California Red-legged Frog and San Francisco Garter Snake habitat and individuals
  - Western pond turtle
  - Migratory Birds
• Comments taken tonight

• Written comments taken until Oct. 7th

• Prepare Final EIR/EA
  – Responses to all comments
  – Notices sent to those who commented/interested parties

• Caltrans will make a determination on project = 3 Options:
  1. Approve one of the build alternatives
  2. Require additional studies
  3. Abandon project
1. Complete speaker card

2. Give speaker card to monitor

3. When your name is called, take the microphone and state your comments

4. Limit comments to 3 minutes

Comments will be recorded and responded to in Final EIR/EA
Draft EIR/EA is Available

- **Caltrans District 4** – 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland
- **SMCTA** – 1250 San Carlos Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070
- **Pacifica City Hall** – 170 Santa Maria Avenue
- **Pacifica Planning Department** – 1800 Francisco Blvd.
- **Pacifica Public Works Department** – 151 Milagra Drive
- **Pacifica Community Center** – 540 Crespi Drive
- **Sanchez Library** – 1111 Terra Nova Blvd.
- **Sharp Park Library** – 104 Hilton Way

- **Online** – [www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm)
Written Comments by Oct 7th

• **Submit comment card or verbal comments tonight**

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