US 101/SR 92 Interchange Direct Connector Project

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Project Description

Travelers on the 101/92 interchange in San Mateo and Foster City often face heavy traffic and substantial delays. This project proposes to create a dedicated managed lane connection between SR 92 and the US 101 Express Lanes. Currently, there is no High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) direct connection between the US 101 Express Lanes and SR 92. Once completed, the project will improve connectivity to reduce travel times and to encourage carpooling and the use of shuttles and buses.

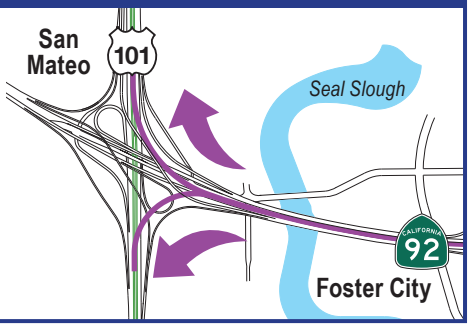
One no-build and three build alternatives are being studied:

No-Build Alternative

Under the No-Build Alternative, there would be no action and the improvements proposed under Build Alternatives 1, 2, and 3 would not be constructed.

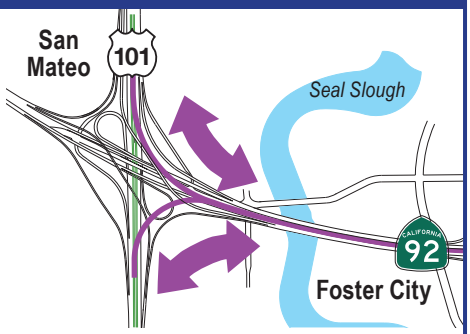
Build Alternative 1 – Direct Connector from Westbound SR 92 to the US 101 Express Lanes

This alternative would provide a direct connection from westbound (WB) 92 to both directions of the 101 Express Lanes. The direct connector would provide access to the express lanes on 101 from WB 92 without requiring lane changes, thereby reducing weaving and merging of traffic on 101, benefiting morning commuters.



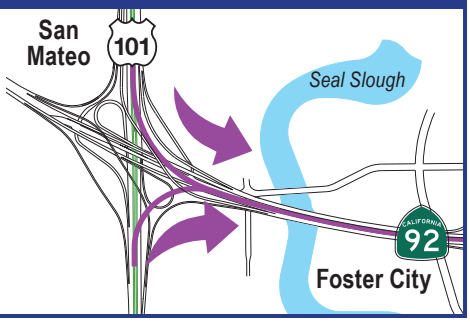
Build Alternative 2 – Reversible Direct Connector Between the US 101 Express Lanes and SR 92

Like Alternative 1, Alternative 2 would provide a direct connection between 92 and the 101 Express Lanes. The main difference would be that the connector under Alternative 2 would be a reversible lane, meaning that it would allow access from WB 92 to the 101 Express Lanes during morning commute hours, and then switch to allow access from the 101 Express Lanes to eastbound (EB) 92 during evening commute hours. Access to the reversible lane direct connector would be regulated by a system to control the direction of traffic flow.



Build Alternative 3 – Direct Connector from the US 101 Express Lanes to Eastbound SR 92

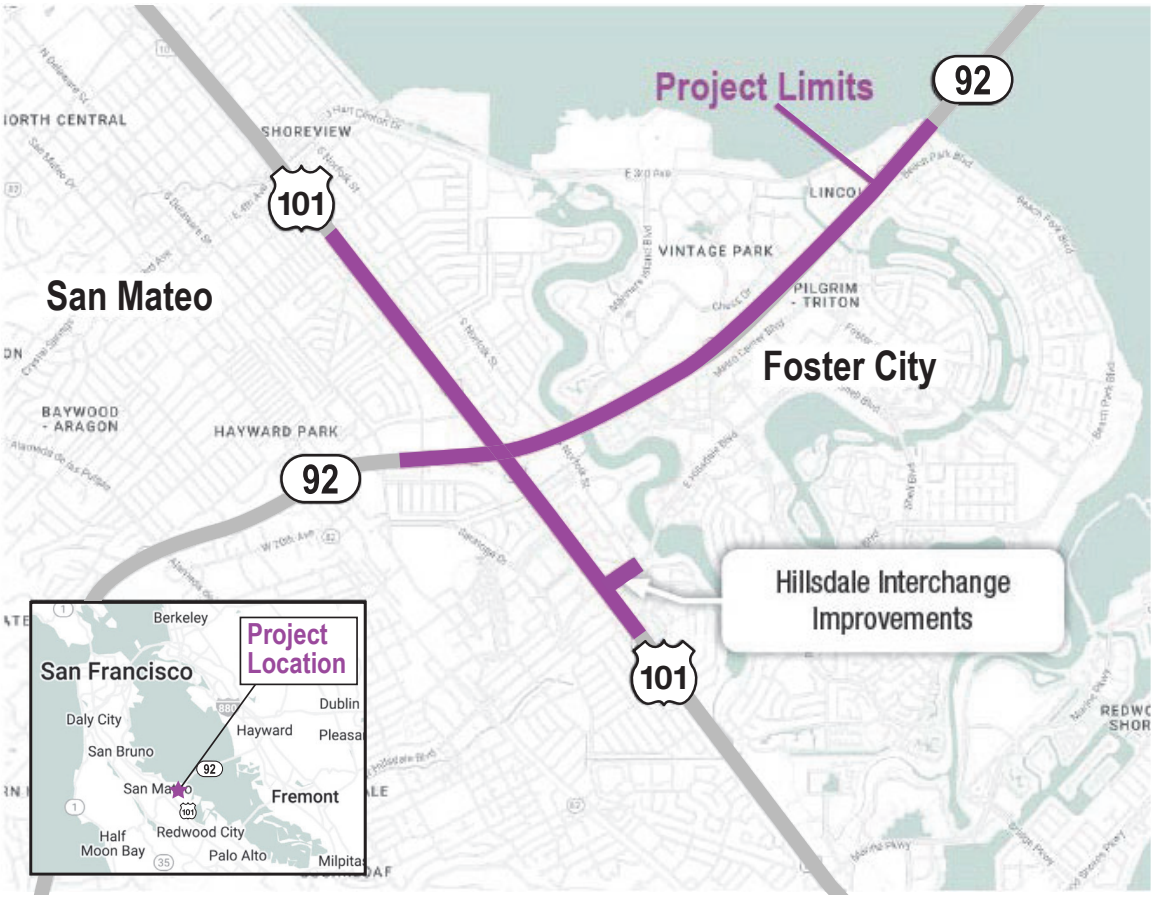
This alternative would provide a direct connection from the 101 Express Lanes to EB 92 to serve traffic heading to the Hayward-San Mateo Bridge. The direct connector would provide access from the express lanes on 101 to EB 92 without requiring a lane change, thereby reducing weaving and merging of traffic on 101 and EB 92, benefiting evening commuters.



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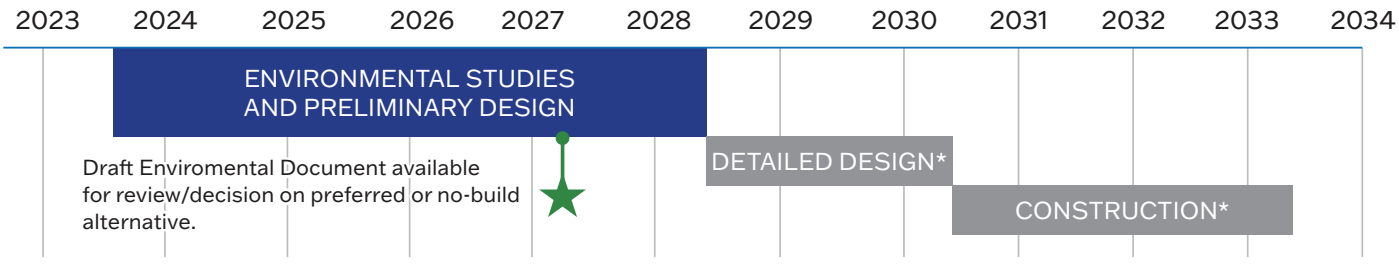
This project is being led by the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), in partnership with the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG). The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4 is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).



Project Goals

- Improve the travel time reliability for those traveling between US 101 and SR 92, east of US 101
- Encourage carpooling and the use of shuttles and buses to increase the number of people moved (person throughput)
- Improve the operational efficiency of the US 101 and SR 92 interchange

Anticipated Project Timeline



*Subject to Approval and Funding

For more information, visit
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