

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: El Camino Real Roadway Renewal Project

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Project Location: Millbrae, Burlingame, Hillsborough, San Mateo

San Mateo

City

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The proposed improvements include replacing 3.5 miles of existing roadway pavement structural section, replacing existing drainage inlets and pipe culverts, replacing 5.5 miles of existing sidewalk, reconstructing or installing up to 188 curb ramps, upgrading pedestrian push button assemblies by installing accessible pedestrian signal (APS) systems and countdown pedestrian signal (CPS) systems, and refreshing crosswalks with high visibility pavement markings.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The EIR/EIS identified potentially significant impacts and mitigation measures to reduce potentially significant impacts for the following resource areas:

- Aesthetics (Build Alternative with design option): With implementation of Measure VIS-1 through Measure VIS-5 as identified in the EIR/EIS, potentially significant impacts to public views would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.
- Noise: With implementation of Measure NOI-1 and Measure NOI-2 as identified in the EIR/EIS, potentially significant impacts as a result of short-term construction noise would be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

The EIR/EIS identified significant and unavoidable impacts for the following resource areas:

- Aesthetics (Build Alternative without design option): Even with implementation of Measure VIS-1 through Measure VIS-5 as identified in the EIR/EIS, the project would not allow for a return to the visual character that exists today and would represent a significant and unavoidable impact.
- Cultural Resources: Even with implementation of Measure CUL-1 through Measure CUL-3, the project would result in a substantial adverse change in the significance of the Howard-Ralston Eucalyptus Tree Rows and would represent a significant and unavoidable impact.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Caltrans held an in-person educational public open house meeting on January 28, 2020, which was attended by more than 175 members of the public. A total of 71 comments were received from attendees of the open house, and common sentiments included concern regarding roadway visibility, safety, undergrounding of utilities, flooding, and trees in the project limits. Comments included concerns about project-related loss of both historic trees and non-historic trees. Additionally, multiple comments were received expressing the need to consider bicycle facilities when designing the project. In addition, 131 comments were received during the CEQA scoping period. Commenter's expressed similar sentiments to comments received during and after the open house, including concern regarding trees, pedestrian safety, and flooding. Multiple commenters expressed concerns that the trees along El Camino Real within the project limits are an important resource to the City of Burlingame and the corridor, and that mature trees should be planted to replace trees removed. Seventy-five comments were received during the NEPA scoping period. In addition, 159 comments were submitted in the online public forum. Common sentiments included pedestrian, bicyclist, and motorist safety; tree replacement; utilities and undergrounding; and lane configuration on El Camino Real. Comments regarding the eucalyptus trees on El Camino Real varied, with some expressing strong support for maintaining the existing canopy. Many commenter's expressed concern regarding the existing condition of the trees, tree debris, and associations with fire hazard and fallen-object hazards.

All comments received have been reviewed by the Project Development Team for consideration in the environmental analysis and design of the project where feasible, and each topic is addressed in more detail within the EIR/EIS as applicable.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- California Transportation Commission
- City of Burlingame