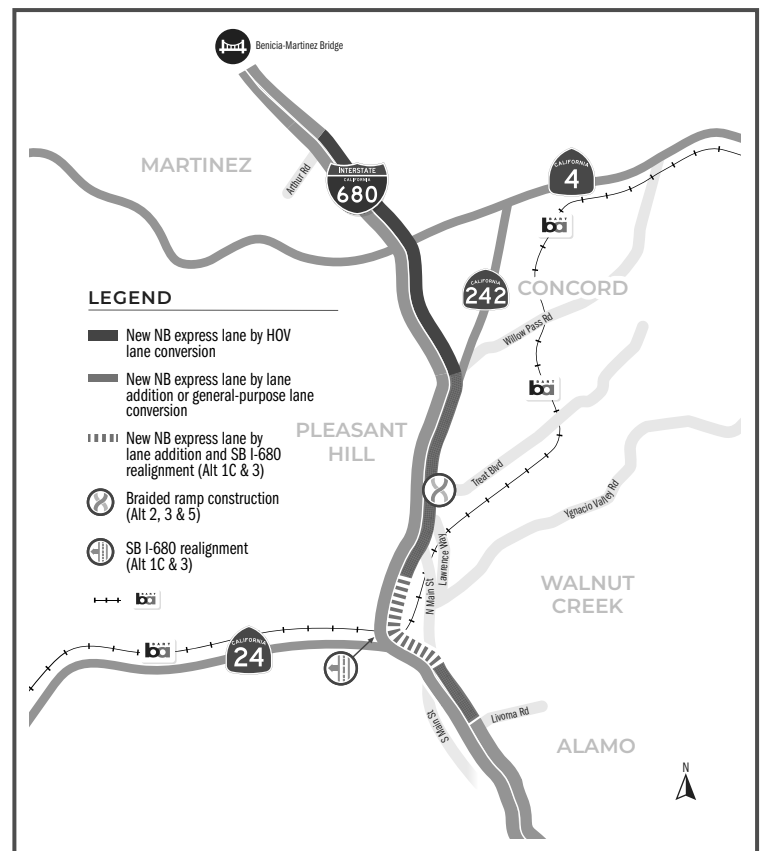


## Public Notice

### Notice of Availability (NOA) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interstate 680 Northbound Express Lane Completion Project with Opportunity for In-Person and Virtual Public Hearings/Meetings

#### WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA), proposes the **Interstate 680 (I-680) Northbound Express Lane Completion Project** to improve corridor-wide congestion, travel delays, and operational challenges. The proposed project would construct a northbound express lane from Livorna Road to State Route (SR-) 242 and convert the existing northbound High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane from SR-242 to north of Arthur Road near Martinez to an express lane – which means both HOV and single-occupancy drivers who pay a toll can use the lane. The proposed project has four build alternatives (Alternative 1C, 2, 3, and 5) and one no-build alternative. The proposed project would construct a northbound express lane from Livorna Road to SR-242 through either lane addition (Alternatives 1C, 2, or 3) or conversion (Alternative 5). All Build Alternatives would convert the existing high occupancy vehicle lane from SR-242 to north of Arthur Road near Martinez to an express lane. Alternatives 2 and 5 would leave a gap in the express lane at the SR-24 interchange in Walnut Creek. Alternatives 2, 3, and 5 would add braided ramps at Treat Boulevard. The proposed project is located within Alamo, Walnut Creek, Concord, Pleasant Hill, and Martinez on I-680. The post mile (PM) limits are between realignment (R) 10.7 at the southern limit to PM 23.1 at the northern limit.



The proposed work will not have an adverse effect on historic properties listed and/or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed project would result in a *de minimis* impact on Iron Horse Regional Trail, Contra Costa Canal Trail/Briones to Mount Diablo Regional Trail, and Bay Area Rapid Transit under Section 4(f).

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the proposed project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. The proposed project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) 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. The proposed project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Comments are requested regarding the Section 4(f) determination and project-level air quality conformity analysis.

## WHY THIS AD

The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of these draft documents, to provide the public an opportunity to comment, and to notify the public of in-person and virtual public hearings/meetings.

Caltrans has studied the effects the proposed project may have on the environment. The results of these studies are summarized in an environmental document known as a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) and *de minimis* 4(f) evaluation.

The Draft EIR/EA and technical studies, as well as printed copies of the aforementioned reports, are available on the project website [ccta.net/expresslane](http://ccta.net/expresslane) and at local repositories. Electronic and print copies can also be found at the Caltrans District 4 office located at 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland 94612.

## WHERE YOU COME IN

Please submit your written comments anytime from **May 8, 2024, through June 24, 2024**, to the following e-mail, website, phone number, or mailing address.

-  **Email**  
info@innovate680.com
-  **Website**  
ccta.net/expresslane
-  **Phone**  
(925) 278-5978
-  **Mail**  
**Caltrans, District 4**  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
Attn: Lily Mu  
Environmental Scientist  
P.O. Box 23660  
Mail Station 8B  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

## DONDE USTED ENTRA

Se ruega que envíe sus comentarios por escrito en cualquier momento desde el **8 de mayo de 2024 hasta el 24 de junio de 2024** al siguiente correo electrónico, sitio web, número de teléfono o dirección postal.

-  **Correo electrónico**  
info@innovate680.com
-  **Sitio web**  
ccta.net/expresslane
-  **Teléfono**  
(925) 278-5978
-  **Correo**  
**Caltrans, Distrito 4**  
Oficina de Análisis Ambiental  
Atención: Lily Mu científica ambiental  
P.O. Box 23660  
Estación de Correo 8B  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

## 您能参与什么

请在 **2024 年 5 月 8 日至 2024 年 6 月 24 日** 期间的任何时间将您的书面意见提交至以下电子邮件、网站、电话号码或邮寄地址。

-  **电子邮件**  
info@innovate680.com
-  **网址**  
ccta.net/expresslane
-  **电话**  
(925) 278-5978
-  **邮寄地址**  
**Caltrans, District 4**  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
收件人: Lily Mu, 环境科学家  
P.O. Box 23660  
Mail Station 8B  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Your comments will be officially recorded as part of the public record. Note: questions submitted during the public hearings/meetings during the Q&A session will not be part of the official public record.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS/MEETINGS WHEN AND WHERE



### In-Person

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024 | 6-8 p.m.**

Contra Costa Transportation  
Authority  
2999 Oak Road, Suite 110  
Walnut Creek, 94597



### Virtual

**Thursday, June 6, 2024 | 6-8 p.m.**

Visit [ccta.net/expresslane](https://ccta.net/expresslane)

Click on the **Express Lane  
Completion Project Draft EIR/EA  
Virtual Hearing/Meeting** button

Spanish and Mandarin translators will be available for both hearings/meetings. Individuals who require special accommodations (American Sign Language interpreter, accessible seating, documentation in alternate formats, etc.) are requested to contact the project team at (925) 278-5978 at least three (3) days prior to the scheduled hearing/meeting dates. For the deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired (TDD), users may contact the California Relay Service TTY and/or Voice Line at **1-800-735-2922**, or **711**. To call in to the hearing/meeting, dial +1 (669) 444-9171 (passcode: 632866).