



July 26, 2023

TO: Reviewing Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

FROM: Caltrans, District 4 Office of Environmental Analysis

SUBJECT: Notice of Availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment for the I-280/Winchester Boulevard Interchange Improvements Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the I-280/Winchester Boulevard Interchange Improvements Project. The project description, location, public review dates, public meeting information, summary of significant impacts, and other information, is provided in the enclosed materials.

¿Puede usted leer este documento? Si no, nosotros podemos ayudarlo a leerlo. Para recibir asistencia gratuita, por favor llámenos al Departamento de Relaciones con la Comunidad de VTA al (408) 321-7575.

您能看懂本文件嗎？

如您不能，我們可以請人幫助您。如需幫助，請致電 VTA 社區外展部，電話是：(408) 321-7575。

이 문서를 읽으실 수 있습니까?

그렇지 못하실 경우, 읽으실 수 있도록 도와드릴 사람이 있습니다. 무료로 도움을 받으시려면 VTA 지역봉사부 (408) 321-7575 로 전화 주십시오.

Mababasa mo ba ang dokumentong ito? Kung hindi, maari kaming kumuha ng taong tutulong sa iyo na basahin ito. Para sa libreng tulong, mangyaring tumawag sa VTA Community Outreach sa (408) 321-7575.

WHAT IS BEING PLANNED?

Caltrans, in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the City of San José, proposes to modify the existing I-280/Winchester Boulevard interchange by constructing a new tunnel off-ramp from northbound I-280 towards Winchester Boulevard. The Project would also construct a new direct connector ramp from northbound SR-17 to northbound I-280 and would replace the existing Monroe Pedestrian Overcrossing. The purpose of the Project is to improve traffic operations on the local roadways, improve bicycle and pedestrian access and transit connectivity, and improve access from northbound I-280 in the project area.

WHY THIS NOTICE?

This notice is to tell you that the Draft EIR/EA is available for you to review and provide comments. This notice also invites you to attend a public meeting on the project.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE?

The Draft EIR/EA is available online at www.vta.org/280winchester. Printed copies are also available to read at the following locations:

- VTA Administrative Office, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134
- Bascom Branch Library, 1000 S. Bascom Avenue, San Jose, CA 95128

WHERE YOU COME IN:

Your input on the Draft EIR/EA is requested. Please submit written comments by email to 280-winchester@vta.org or by mail to:

Caltrans, District 4-Office of Environmental Analysis
Attn: Charles Winter
P.O. Box 23660 MS-8B
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, September 8, 2023.

WHEN AND WHERE:

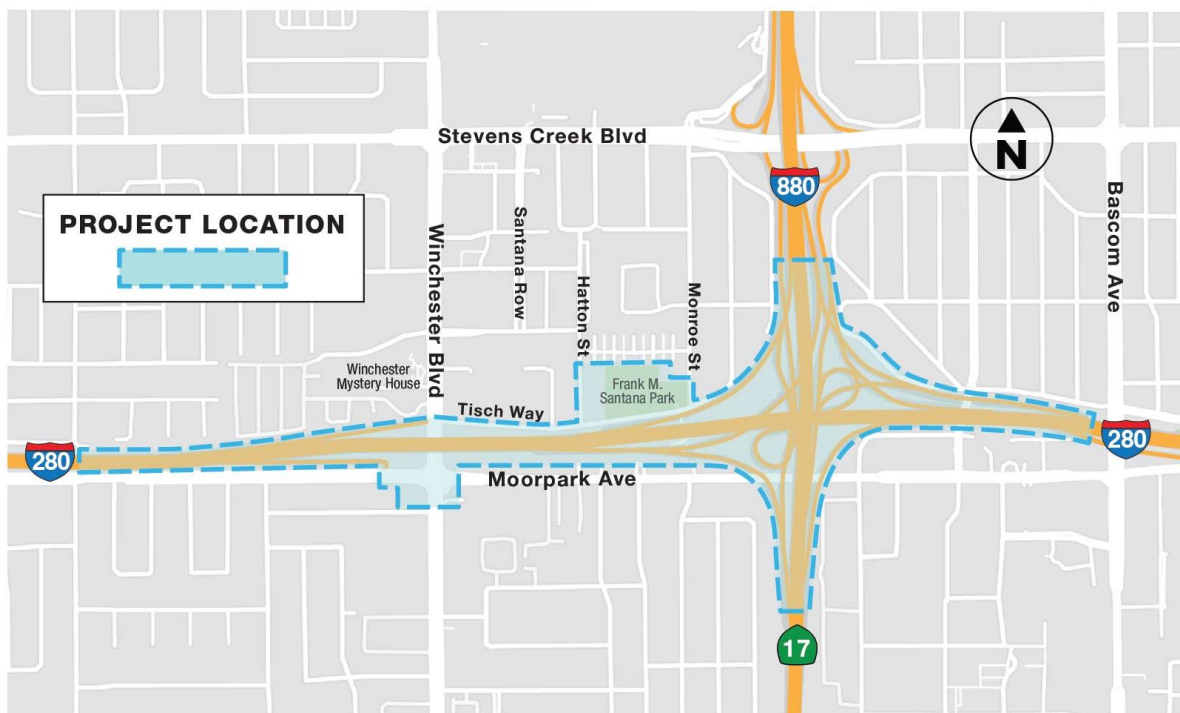
A public meeting will be held on Monday, August 14, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Cypress Community & Senior Center (403 S. Cypress Avenue, San Jose). A project presentation will be given, followed by an open house for the public to ask questions and provide comments. Individuals who require language translation, American Sign Language, or other assistance are requested to contact VTA Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575 or TTY for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330, at least five (5) business days before the public meeting.

CONTACT:

For questions and additional information, please contact us by email at community.outreach@vta.org or by phone at (408) 321-7575, TTY (408) 321-2330.

PROJECT LOCATION

The proposed Project is located at the existing Interstate 280 (I-280)/Winchester Boulevard interchange and the adjacent State Route 17 (SR-17)/I-280/I-880 interchange, in San José, Santa Clara County, California, as shown in the map below.



SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The Draft EIR/EA identifies significant impacts to the following resources: air quality, biological, noise and vibration, and public services. With one exception, all impacts of the Project, both individually and cumulatively, would be less-than-significant with mitigation incorporated. The exception is the visual impact of the connector flyover ramp from northbound SR-17 to northbound I-280 on the view from the neighborhood along Parkmoor Avenue. This aspect of the Project, taken together with the recently constructed flyover ramp from northbound I-280 to northbound I-880 and new soundwalls, creates a substantial cumulative impact to views from Parkmoor Avenue. With the inclusion of mitigation measures, this impact would remain significant.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

As required by the California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (State CEQA Guidelines) Section 15087, the presence of any sites listed on Section 65962.5 of the Government Code must be disclosed with this notice. The project area includes two gasoline service stations located on the corners of the Winchester Boulevard/Moorpark Avenue intersection that are included on this list. Please refer to Section 2.14 of the Draft EIR/EA for more information on these locations.