

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report

San Mateo 101 Managed Lanes Project North of I-380

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4 is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) consistent with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and a joint Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The purpose of this Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to notify agencies, organizations, and individuals of this intent, and request input on the scope and content of the proposed EIR/EA.

Scoping Period for Receipt of Comments

Comments must be sent by September 3, 2021. Submit written comments one of three ways.

By mail to:

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Oakland, CA 94623-0660

By email to: John.Seal@dot.ca.gov

Online at 101ManagedLanes.com

Virtual Scoping Meeting

A virtual scoping meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. At the meeting, attendees can ask questions about the project. However, questions and discussion at the meeting are not considered scoping comments and all scoping comments must be submitted by mail, e-mail, or at the project website to be shared with the entire project development team. Attendance at the virtual open house is not required to submit comments. Please visit 101managedlanes.com for more information about the project and to join the virtual scoping meeting. To join by phone only, call (669) 900-6833 and use meeting ID: 881 6535 9711.

Project Description

The San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), as the project sponsors, propose to add a managed lane in each direction of U.S. 101 from the U.S. 101/I-380 interchange in South San Francisco to the San Mateo/San Francisco County Line. The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the owner/operator of the State Highway System and the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), has initiated a public review period and is conducting a virtual scoping meeting to request comments on the scope and content of a planned Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the proposed San Mateo 101 Managed Lanes Project North of I-380 in San Mateo County.

The project limits include space for the installation of new overhead tolling system signage and monitoring/enforcement equipment approximately one mile before the start of the managed lanes in each direction of U.S. 101.

The goals of the project include the following:

- Improve mobility along the corridor;
- Encourage carpooling and transit use;
- Improve travel time savings and reliability for managed lane users;
- Minimize congestion in the mixed-use lanes;
- Provide continuity with the express lane facility south of I-380; and,
- Increase person throughput (the number of people moved)

Permits and approvals from to the following agencies may be required: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC).

Potential Environmental Effects/Topics to Be Evaluated

Based on preliminary surveys and information, Caltrans identified the following main subject areas for analysis in the EIR/EA. The scope of environmental analysis could be modified based on input from this Notice of Preparation and project scoping.

- Aesthetics and Visual Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning/Community
- Noise
- Public Services and Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Vehicle Miles Traveled
- Mandatory Findings of Significance
- Construction-Related Impacts

