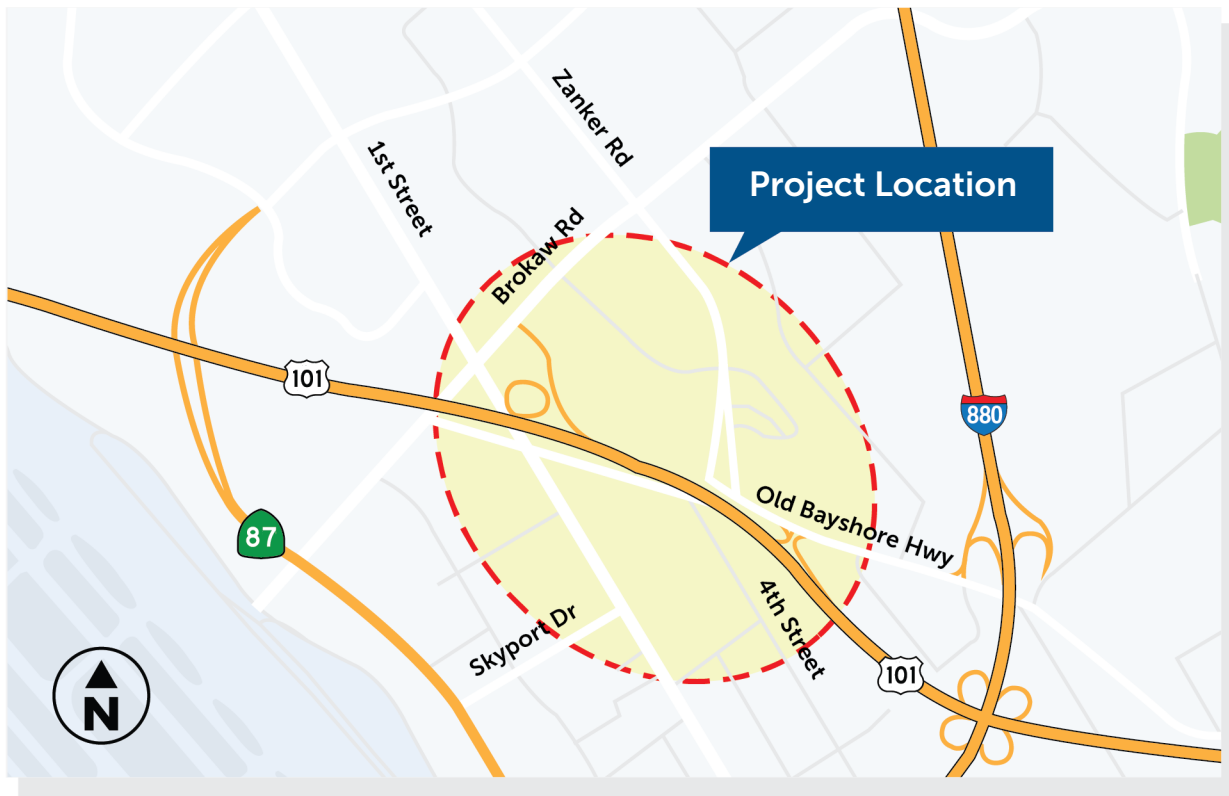




December 29, 2023

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 US 101/Zanker Road Skyport Drive/Fourth Street Improvement Project

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the US 101/Zanker Road/Skyport Drive /Fourth Street Improvement Project. The project description, location, public review dates, public meeting information, summary of significant impacts, and other information required by California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (State CEQA Guidelines) Section 15087 and Section 40 CFR 93.116 (FHWA Guidelines), are provided in the enclosed materials.



US 101/Zanker Road/Skyport Drive/Fourth Street Improvement Project

What is being planned?

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and the City of San José, proposes to construct improvements on US Highway 101 (US 101) and adjacent local roadways in San José. The Project includes constructing a new overcrossing above US 101 connecting Zanker Road on the north with Fourth Street and Skyport Drive on the south, replacing nonstandard ramps on northbound US 101 at Old Bayshore Highway and Brokaw Road with new ramps at Bering Drive, widening local roadways to accommodate the overcrossing and ramp modifications, and incorporating bicycle and pedestrian facilities into the project design. The purpose of the Project is to enhance the transportation network in the project area to accommodate planned growth, improve safety and traffic operations, improve pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and improve access to/from the Norman Y. Mineta San José International Airport (SJIA).

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/projects/us-101zanker-road-project.

Printed copies are also available to read at the following locations:

- 1 VTA Administrative Office, 3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95134
- 2 Joyce Ellington Branch Library, 491 East Empire Street, San Jose, CA 95112



Where you come in:

Your input on the Draft EIR/EA is requested. Please submit written comments by email to 101-zanker@vta.org or by mail to:

Caltrans, District 4-Office of Environmental Analysis
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Comments must be received by Friday, February 16, 2024.

When And Where:

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10, 2024 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm at Walter L. Bachrodt Elementary School at 102 Sonora Avenue in 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 on US 101 between the US 101/State Route (SR) 87 interchange on the west and the US 101/Interstate 880 (I-880) interchange on the east.

Significant Environmental Impacts

The Draft EIR/EA identifies significant impacts to the following resources: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, and noise and vibration. All impacts of the Project, both individually and cumulatively, would be less-than-significant with mitigation incorporated.

Hazardous Materials

Pursuant to CEQA, the presence of any sites listed on Section 65962.5 of the Government Code must be disclosed with this notice. The project footprint is adjacent to six sites that are listed on Section 65962.5. Amongst the six sites, five of them are closed cases, and one is listed as an open case, Capital Towers/ARCO #9914 located at 2010 North First Street. Please refer to Section 2.15 of the Draft EIR/EA for more information on this location.

Air Quality Conformity

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) required by 40 CFR 93.116 and 93.123. This Project is not considered a Project of Concern regarding PM_{2.5} as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM_{2.5} 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 Project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Comments regarding the project-level conformity analysis are requested.