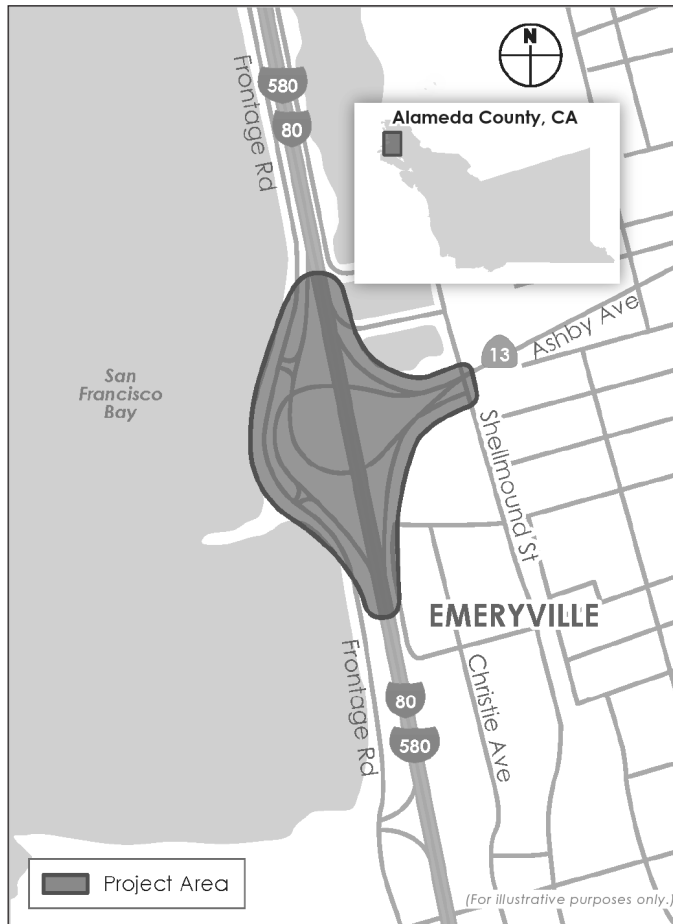




# Public Notice

## Notice of Availability (NOA) of an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) / Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Interstate 80 / Ashby Avenue Interchange Improvement Project and an Announcement for a Virtual Public Open House



**WHAT'S BEING PLANNED:** The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 4, in partnership with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), proposes to provide interchange and local road improvements along Interstate 80 (I-80) at the Ashby Avenue Interchange (interchange). The interchange is located between post miles (PM) 3.9 and 5.0 on I-80 and between 13.7 and 13.9 on State Route (SR) 13 in the cities of Emeryville and Berkeley in Alameda County. The proposed project would replace the existing elevated interchange connector ramps with a new bridge over I-80, realign access to West Frontage Road, and introduce a new bicycle and pedestrian overcrossing and connection from 65th Street / Shellmound Street to the San Francisco Bay Trail.

**WHY THIS AD:** Caltrans has studied the effects this proposed project may have on the environment. The results of these studies are summarized in the draft environmental document known as an Initial Study (IS) with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) / Environmental Assessment (EA). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of these draft documents to any interested individuals, to provide the public an opportunity to comment, and to notify the public of an online presentation and question and answer (Q&A) session (details below).

**WHAT'S AVAILABLE:** You can review an electronic version of the IS-MND / EA at the project website ([www.I80Ashby.com](http://www.I80Ashby.com)) or the Caltrans District 4 website (<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>). You can also attend a live, online public meeting on January 11, 2022.

**PUBLIC MEETING:** Based on the Governor's Executive Order and Department of Public Health recommendations, in-person public meetings will not be held to maintain social distancing requirements. Please join a virtual public open house with live Q&A via the project website ([www.I80Ashby.com](http://www.I80Ashby.com)) or phone toll-free **888-344-3561** (English), **888-348-0479** (Spanish), or **888-386-0764** (Cantonese) on January 11, 2022, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact the project team at **510-800-8924** at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled presentation date. The meeting will be recorded and available for later viewing.

**WHERE YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Have the potential impacts been addressed? Do you have information that should be included? Your comments will be part of the public record. Note: Questions submitted during the live Q&A session during the virtual public open house will not be part of the official comment record. Please submit your formal comment(s) during the public review period that runs from December 15, 2021 through January 31, 2022, to Caltrans via the following:

You can submit written comments via mail at:

Caltrans, District 4  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
ATTN: Wahida Rashid  
P.O. Box 23660, **MS: 8B**  
Oakland, CA 94623-0660

Or email comments to [comments@I80Ashby.com](mailto:comments@I80Ashby.com)  
(preferred method due to COVID-19)

Or call **510-800-8924** to leave a voice mail with your comments

Or use an online comment form at [www.I80Ashby.com](http://www.I80Ashby.com).

For more information, please contact us at **510-800-8924** or visit us at [www.I80Ashby.com](http://www.I80Ashby.com). Thank you for your interest in this project!