

**Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission**

**Highway 1 HOV Lane Widening Project**

Highway 1 Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossings Working Meeting

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**Meeting Summary**

Below is a list of comments received during the review of the existing preliminary bike/pedestrian overcrossings and a corridor map that included the location of existing trip generators and receptors.

- Mar Vista School – long-time need for improved facilities has been expressed.
- Consider designating sidewalks on maps as appropriate.
- There is no bike lane currently on the overpass at La Fonda.
- Note a number of corrections made directly to the corridor map.
- Add school district boundaries on the map as this will help to determine pathways to schools.
- Consider for new railroad crossings the accommodation of pedestrian paths.
- No requests/need for crossings in south portion (between Freedom and Rio Del Mar) of corridor. Due to limited knowledge of the area needs in this area consider contacting the Rio Del Mar Association and the local school district in this area.
- Note that there are limited sidewalks in southern corridor area.
- Consider policy for bicycle/pedestrian paths to be included on all overcrossings.
- Note that between Rio Del Mar and State Park, while there are some existing crossings, there is a “possible” need for additional facilities – may need more evaluation.
- Address, access to Aptos Village – connecting street on the ocean side of the freeway.
- Look at Spreckels for implementing crossing enhancements → sidewalks?
- Consider need for over crossing at Cabrillo. May be not unnecessary but should be evaluated. IF eliminated look at moving Mar Vista overcrossing further north.

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- At the Mattison area there may be a need to address residential access to existing medical facilities and the flea market on the other side of the freeway. Also, residential access to the business park in this location.
- Recognize that 17<sup>th</sup> Street is a heavily traveled corridor.
- Chanticleer overcrossing is preferable to Mattison. Look into Chanticleer/17<sup>th</sup> Street vicinity.
- The 17<sup>th</sup> Street to Live Oak travel-way is an important to corridor.
- Suggested that Chanticleer is a safer corridor.
- Change boundaries of Winkle Farm Park.
- For Morrissey enhancements, the City is looking at interim improvements. Note that this is a good location for diamond interchange. Be sure to accommodate bike/pedestrians as part of any future improvements.
- Look at separate facility in Morrissey location. Both Delaveaga Elementary and Branciforte Junior High School are in this area and movement to and from these schools should be adequately accommodated.
- It was noted that the Branciforte overcrossing is to be closed for a year while improvements are made.
- Also noted that Capitola Avenue improvements are to be implemented including adding bike/pedestrian access.
- Between Park and Porter, it appears that no further bike/pedestrian improvements are needed.
- Subsequent bike/pedestrian corridor maps should reflect what will be improved as part of the larger HOV Lane Widening project.

Suggestions for groups/individuals to consider for participation in phase 2 of the bike/ped working sessions include the following (some of these groups/individuals were identified during the stakeholder interview process):

- Mission Pedestrian – Debbie Bulger
- Friends of the Rail Trail – David Wright
- The Hub and People Power – Micah Posner
- Sensible Transportation – Paul Elerick
- Sierra Club, Transportation Chair – Jim Danaher
- Land Trust – Laura Perry
- Capitola Walks – Barbara Graves
- Bike to Work – Piet Canin
- Cabrillo College
- School Districts
- Live Oak Neighbors
- Community Traffic Safety Coalition
- Ecology Action
- SC TMA
- PV TMA
- Others?