



Boulder Creek Complete Streets Improvements



Project Description

Highway 9 serves as the “Main Street” for the San Lorenzo Valley (SLV) towns of Felton, Ben Lomond, Brookdale, and Boulder Creek, and is an interregional arterial connecting Silicon Valley and Santa Cruz. It is the backbone for the movement of people and goods through the SLV and is the only direct route linking the four SLV towns. There are significant transportation concerns throughout the SLV. This mountainous area has high collision rates, narrow curving roadways frequently impacted by steep terrain, significant gaps in bicycle and pedestrian facilities, a lack of walkways to many of the bus stops, traffic backups at a number of choke points, as well as pavement, drainage, and other assets in disrepair.

The Highway 9 Boulder Creek Complete Streets project proposes to construct pedestrian, bicycle, and transit improvements on Highway 9 and Highway 236 in the unincorporated County of Santa Cruz area known as Boulder Creek, California. Includes improving existing sidewalks, extending the sidewalk network through the commercial area, curb extensions/bulb-outs at crosswalks, bike lanes, transit stop improvements, gateway median islands, and other traffic calming measures.



Project Highlights

- ▶ Filling gaps in the sidewalk network, and extending the sidewalk network through the commercial area
- ▶ New curb extensions/bulb-outs at crosswalks, gateway median islands, and other traffic calming measures
- ▶ Bike lanes/shoulders
- ▶ Transit stop improvements
- ▶ Measure D funds are being used to accelerate the project development process
- ▶ Construction expected to begin in 2028

Project Delivery Strategy

The RTC is the sponsor and Caltrans is leading the delivery of this project. Measure D-Highway 9/SLV Complete Streets funds and other RTC discretionary funds are proposed as a local match for competitive state and federal grant applications. This project completed the Project Initiation Document (PID) phase in 2022 and the environmental phase began in June of 2025 with anticipated completion of December 2026.



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Project Funding

Estimated Project Cost	\$10.8M
Funding Sources	
Federal Earmark	\$1.5M
Measure D Match (20%)	\$2.4M
Needed*	\$6.9M

*Other Funds: Federal funds will be used to leverage Measure D sales tax, State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), Boulder Creek Business Association, County, safety and active transportation grants.



Project Status/Schedule

The Project Initiation Document (PID) was completed in 2022. The environmental phase began in June of 2025 with anticipated completion of December 2026. Construction is scheduled for 2028 pending availability of funds.

