

Public Review of Projects Funded by the San Mateo County Transportations Authority Congestion Management Program

GOAL: San Mateo County will provide the public with adequate opportunities to review and provide feedback on the design, analysis, and construction of the projects funded by the Measure A Congestion Management Program.

PROCESS: The first meeting will be the initial meeting to discuss the overall project, process, and conceptual designs. During this meeting, County staff will collect public feedback. Following this meeting, County staff will provide the public feedback to the consultants at the TA. The TA will then move forward with the Project Implementation Document (PID). The PID will refine the scope and design of the project elements (Left turn lanes, raised medians, and pedestrian crossings) as necessary to address public feedback, State Highway Standards, and other relevant requirements. After the PID is completed, the County and MCC will release that document to the public and schedule a public meeting. At this meeting, the County will gather public feedback on the document and provide that feedback to the TA consultants.

Following the release of the PID, environmental review documents will be prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and if necessary, the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), in order to identify and address the potential environmental impacts of the projects contained in the PID. The public will have the opportunity to review and comment on the scope of these documents, as well as on the draft and final versions, both in writing, and at public meetings co-hosted by Supervisor Horsley, the MCC, and the Planning and Building Department. All environmental documents will be distributed to the community well in advance of the public meetings. Certification of the environmental documents by the County, and review of the permit applications required to construct the projects funded by the Congestion Management Program will involve public hearings that will provide an additional opportunity for public comments.

FORMAT: Meetings will be hosted by Supervisor Horsley, the MCC, and the Planning and Building Department, and shall be open to the public. They will be organized in the same way as the Highway 1 Safety and Mobility meeting hosted by the County and MCC, in a large venue with seats facing the front. The County and MCC will have some form of presentation(s) (PowerPoint, Maps, Drawings, etc.) for the community to review and comment on. The meetings will start with the County presenting the most

recent progress regarding the grant and projects. At the first meeting we will discuss what we received funding to do and at the last meeting we will discuss the final environmental documents. After the briefing by the County, the community will have an opportunity to provide input and ask questions. The meeting location would vary depending on the primary focus of the meeting. For example, if the focus of the meeting is raised medians and pedestrian crossings in Montara, we will hold the meeting in Montara. Once again, everyone is invited to the meeting regardless of where someone resides.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND: Due to the funding amount granted by the TA, there is a chance that not all elements of the projects applied for (all raised medians, all pedestrian crossings, and all left turn lanes) will be pursued. The need to prioritize and potentially reduce the scope of the project will be discussed during preparation of the PID. Any conversation prior to the release of the initial planning document would be premature given we are unsure as to what our budget will allow.

Highway 1 Congestion Management Public Process Task Force: As proven through the Devil's Slide Task Force, some of the best work comes when the County and MCC work together. It is for this reason that Supervisor Horsley is proposing the creation of a task force that will prepare the public outreach meetings and promote the meetings in order to get maximum attendance by the public throughout the public process. This task force will have two primary assignments: distribute the recent findings to the communities with adequate time for them to review the documents prior to a public meeting and finalize the details of the meeting (i.e. time, location, how to engage the public to get the most people there possible). The task force would meet when a document was completed and ready for release as well as to plan the upcoming meeting(s) for that document.

Time Line: I spoke with Joe Hurley at the TA and he informed me that the first phase of the project, the PID, will take 12-18 months to complete. We will be entering the agreement (MOU) with the TA in January or February of 2013. Once we have entered the agreement, we will host one or two meetings to gather public feedback to be included in the PID. Once the feedback is provided to the TA, they will start the PID. Upon completion of this document in 2014, it will be released to the public for review. After ample time to review the document, there will be one or two public meetings. During this/these meetings, the projects will be prioritized. As previously expressed, given the amount funds available, each element of the project (raised medians, pedestrian crossings, and left turn lanes) will not move forward at the same time. Once prioritized, an environmental document will be produced for the top prioritized projects in which funds are available for.