

SAN MATEO 101 EXPRESS LANES PROJECT



FACTSHEET

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PROJECT OVERVIEW:

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (C/CAG), is constructing express lanes on U.S. 101.

This project is being constructed in two phases. During Phase One, Caltrans is converting the existing carpool lanes into express lanes from the San Mateo County/Santa Clara County Line to Whipple Avenue in Redwood City.

During Phase Two, Caltrans is adding a lane to northbound and southbound U.S. 101 from Whipple Avenue to just north of I-380 in South San Francisco. The project will ultimately create 22 miles of express lanes in both directions of U.S. 101 within San Mateo County and provide a seamless transition to the express lanes being constructed in Santa Clara County.



Project Location Map



PROJECT DETAILS:

CONSTRUCTION START: Winter 2019

LANE OPENING:

Phase One - Late 2021

(San Mateo County/Santa Clara County Line to Whipple Avenue)

Phase Two - Late 2022

(Whipple Avenue to I-380)

PROJECT COST: \$581 million



PROJECT BENEFITS:

- Reduce congestion in the corridor
- Increase person throughput (the number of people moved)
- Encourage carpooling and transit use
- Improve travel time and reliability for express lane users
- Use modern technology to manage traffic
- Make upgrades to pavement and lane striping



Construction Progress and Recent Work:



Construction crews installing a new overhead sign in the median in Phase One.

Major Phase One construction activities south of Whipple Avenue are substantially complete, and minor construction activities will continue through 2020 and into 2021.



Construction crews excavating on a section of freeway shoulder. Crews are excavating, grading, and paving to create a new lane on each side of the freeway from Whipple Avenue to I-380 in Phase Two.



Completed section of sound wall on Bayshore Boulevard from Dore Avenue to East Poplar Avenue in the City of San Mateo.

As part of sound wall construction, construction crews have relocated and rebuilt two sections of sound wall. The remaining sound wall section from Second Avenue to Dore Avenue is anticipated to be rebuilt in February 2021.



Construction crews leveling a new section of freeway shoulder in Phase Two.

In Phase Two, Caltrans has substantially completed work in the shoulders and will transition to working primarily in the median beginning in early Spring 2021. Shoulder work is expected to be complete in Summer 2021.



EXPRESS LANES GOVERNANCE AND POLICY

- The San Mateo County Express Lanes Joint Powers Authority (SMCEL-JPA) formed as owners of the lanes to make all policy decisions related to express lane operations.
- The SMCEL-JPA has a six-member Board of Directors made up of three members of the C/CAG Board and three members of the SMCTA Board.
- Information related to the SMCEL-JPA is available at smcta.com/SMCELJPA



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