



The purpose of this first public meeting is to get your input on the PEL study.

Zoom logistics: You can adjust your view options in the top right or in view options to your liking. The audio and video buttons are on the bottom left of the screen, however, participants will be muted throughout the duration of the presentation, and we ask the videos remain off during the presentation. Participants are highly encouraged to send questions through the chat function to the ENTER QUESTION COMMENT HERE co-host. Note your messages will only be visible to the Moderator and they will address the questions during the Q&A session or at another relevant time. In the event we run out of time and don't get to your question, your question or comment will be used in the PEL process going forward. There are resources to provide your input that we will display at the end of the presentation: email, phone, interactive comment map. If your connection is delayed or poor quality, try closing other programs that are using your internet. If you can't connect to audio through your computer, please dial-in to use your phone for the audio and keep your computer muted and connected for the visual.

As part of this meeting, we wish to make this an interactive engagement and will ask questions through polls. At various points in this presentation, you will be prompted to respond to poll that appears on your screen. Please select the appropriate response and press submit. We will take your poll responses in consideration of the PEL study.



Bart to introduce Senator Dodd and his video message.



Bart to introduce Executive Director Therese McMillan video.



Bart will introduce Dina El-Tawansy and Dina will provide a live message.



Good evening everyone, my name is Stefan Galvez-Abadia.

I serve as District Division Chief for the Division of Environmental Planning and Engineering in Caltrans District 4.

I'd like to thank you for joining us for today's Public Meeting for the State Route 37 PEL Study.

The PEL study Caltrans is embarking on will result in the preparation of a planning document to develop a comprehensive vision for the Route 37 corridor and your input is extremely important.

- 1. Our meeting will begin with a short **Introduction to the State Route 37 PEL Study**, what the study is intended to accomplish and how it fits with recent and ongoing studies, as well as your role and involvement in the study.
- 2. To help set the context for the study, we will summarize the issues, needs, and challenges within the corridor by providing **Backgroun**d on the State Route 37 Corridor and show you a tool where you can explore data yourself, and provide comments.
- 3. Key to the PEL study, and your involvement, we will share and seek your input on the **Draft Purpose Statement and Goals** that we have developed based on

stakeholder input to date.

- 4. From there, we will describe the **Alternatives Development** process, and seek your input to help shape conceptual solutions by examining alignments and design considerations from prior and ongoing studies.
- 5. Although the first half of the meeting is focused on our team providing information to set the context of the study and its many elements, we will dedicate the second half of tonight's meeting to a **Questions and Answers** session with our Panel composed of Caltrans staff, as well as MTC and our Transportation Authority partners from the four north bay counties. It is during this session that you will be able to send us comments and questions through the chat function and our panelists will answer them live.
- 6. And finally, we will conclude tonight's meeting with a summary of **Next Step**s, information on how to provide your input, and then close the meeting.



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 - Dick: Resiliency and Extreme Events.
 - Lindsay: Ecological and Hydrological
 - Sergio: Transit Options and Bike and Ped
 - Yolanda: Maintaining and Improving Access; Equitable solutions
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- Module 4: Kelly: Alternatives Development
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Commission	Commission	Commission State Route 37				
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As Bart mentioned, we would like to make this as interactive as possible so here is the first poll that will help us get to know our audience better. We have two polls this time around, please make sure to scroll down to the second question and press submit. and you have 30 seconds to respond and press submit. Once everyone responds, we will share the results on the screen.



<u>POLL QUESTION #1</u>: Please indicate your role in the SR 37 Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) effort:

- Member of the traveling public
- Elected Official
- Working for a North Bay County (Marin, Sonoma, Napa or Solano)
- Member of a community organization or environmental organization
- Public Agency
- Regulatory Agency
- Land Manager/Conservation Manager
- Scientist
- Other

POLL QUESTION #2: How did you hear about this meeting?

- Caltrans Website
- Www.Resilient37.org
- Newspaper
- Twitter
- Facebook
- Signage on highway
- Word of Mouth
- Other



We'd like to show you a brief video that is a nice overview of the work going on and what's to come for this environmentally sensitive and critical local route. LINK TO SR-37 YOUTUBE VIDEO: https://youtu.be/3umF5VmfBu4



As you saw in the video, State Route-37 is a 21-mile long interregional route located along the northern shore of San Pablo Bay with ecologically rich Baylands, biological and cultural resources and is also considered part of the Pacific Flyway for migratory birds.

State Route-37 provides a direct link for commuters, freight, and recreational traffic between US 101 to the west, and I-80 to the east. Without this key transportation link in place traffic detours are over 40 miles long. We think of State Route-37 as having 3 distinct portions:

- a western, 4-lane expressway portion (shown here in red) from US 101 to State Route 121
- a middle 2-lane conventional highway portion (shown here in green) from State Route 121 to Mare Island, and
- an eastern 4 –lane freeway portion (shown here in yellow) from Mare Island to I-80

To address the Long-Term Challenges, MTC, Caltrans and the four counties are collaborating to develop site-specific and corridor-wide solutions. These studies need your input!



For example, MTC is currently conducting a study called the Ultimate Sea Level Rise Resilient Design Alternatives Assessment, whose limits are shown here in orange. The study is underway and involving stakeholders within the Western Portion of the corridor, with a focus on the unique State Route 37 issues faced by Marin and Sonoma counties.



In addition, a previous Design Alternatives Assessment study looked into options of how to balance congestion and the sensitive environment on the Middle Portion of the corridor, shown here in blue.



And concurrently, MTC is also working on a Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan, which is intended to develop a broad list of projects and strategies to consider for the entirety of the corridor, shown here in yellow.



The findings from these studies, and others, will be integrated into the development of a range of Long-term Alternatives that is being explored further with the Public, stakeholders, and environmental regulatory agencies through a Planning and Environmental Linkages, or PEL, Process that allows for early review and screening before Caltrans begins the environmental clearance process for individual projects.

Each of these studies and planning processes will benefit from obtaining public input. While this is not the only time we will seek public input, this stage is important because it will shape the PEL Study's Draft Project Purpose and Need and range of solutions! And now, I would like to turn it over to Tammy Massengale who will tell us more about the PEL study and your involvement in the PEL process.