



State Route 37 Sears Point to Mare Island Improvement Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIR)

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Speakers and Facilitators

Speakers:

Kevin Chen, Assistant Director, MTC

Skylar Nguyen, Senior Environmental Scientist, Environmental Analysis, Caltrans

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Facilitators:

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Laura Adleman, Senior Outreach and Engagement Specialist



Agenda

- Project Purpose and Need
- Review of Approved 2023 Project
- Project changes
- Contents of Draft SEIR and analysis
- Summary of impact changes
- New or modified avoidance and minimization measures
- Project timeline
- Draft SEIR availability and public comment period
- Question and Answer Session

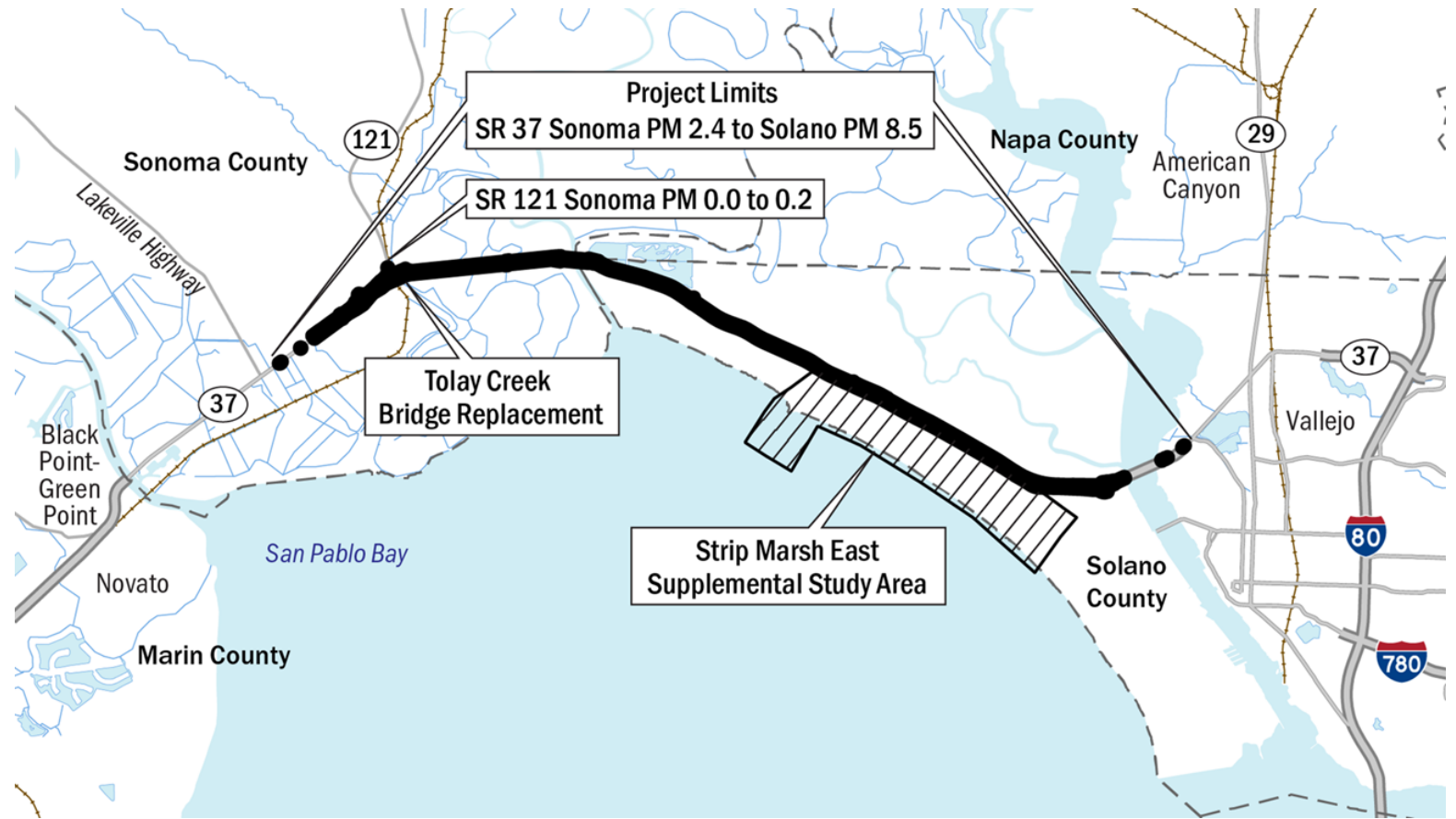
Project Purpose and Need

Purpose:

- Improve traffic flow and peak travel times
- Increase vehicle occupancy (number of people per vehicle)

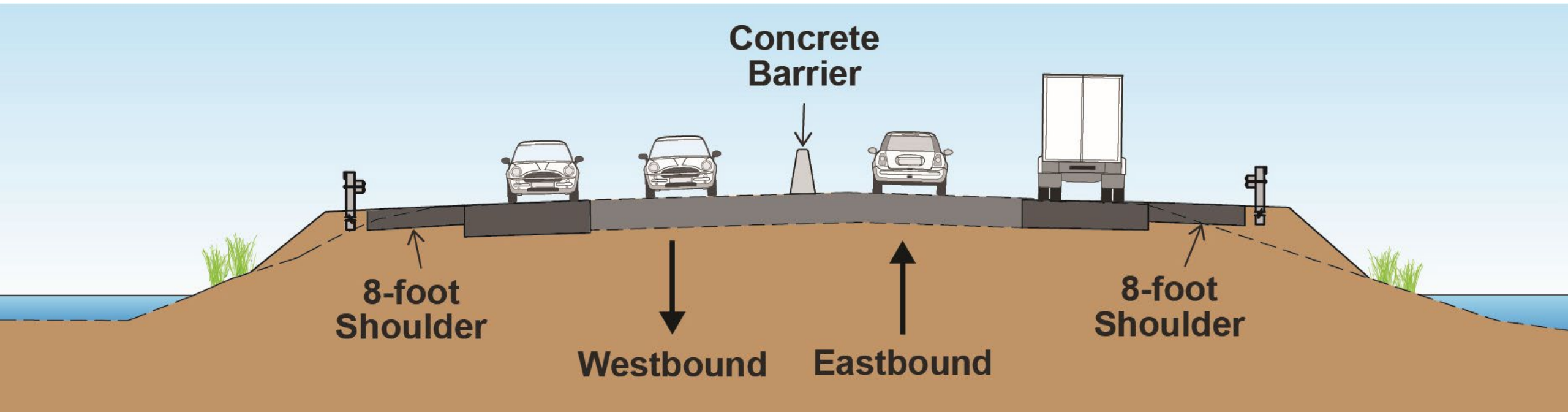
Need:

- Address recurring congestion between State Route 121 and Mare Island, where the highway narrows to one lane in each direction
- Meet current and anticipated future transportation demand





Review of Approved 2023 Project



Representation is Schematic for Illustrative Purposes – Not to Scale

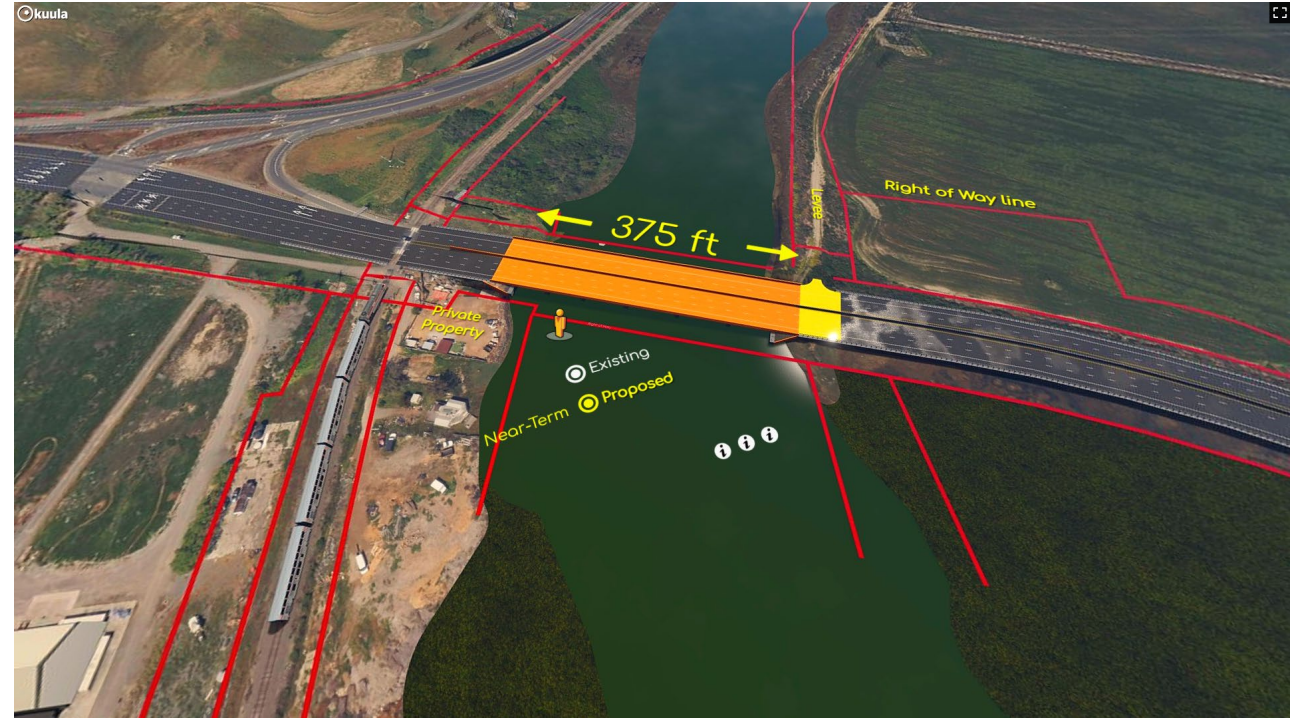


Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement

Existing



Approved New Bridge

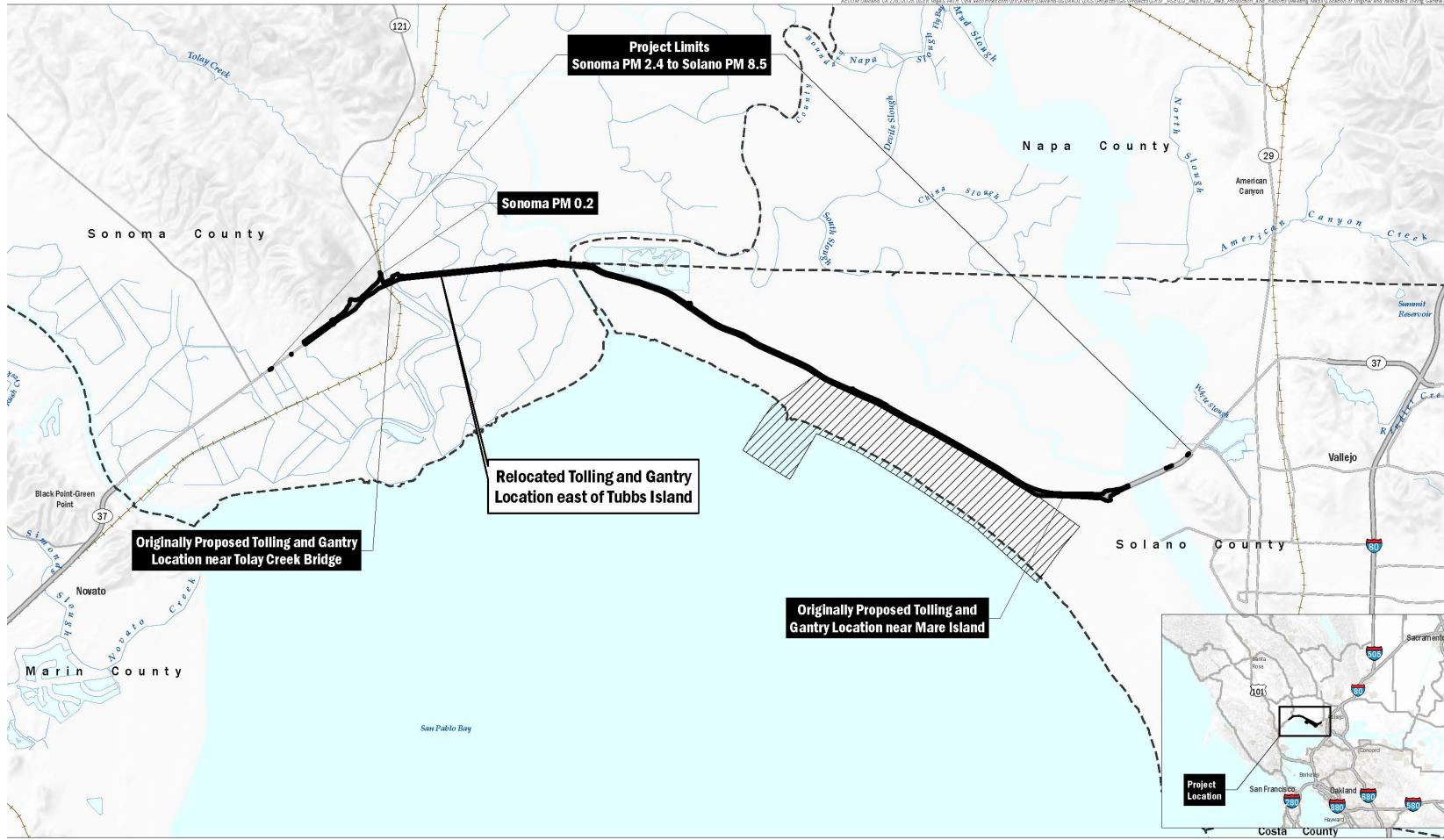




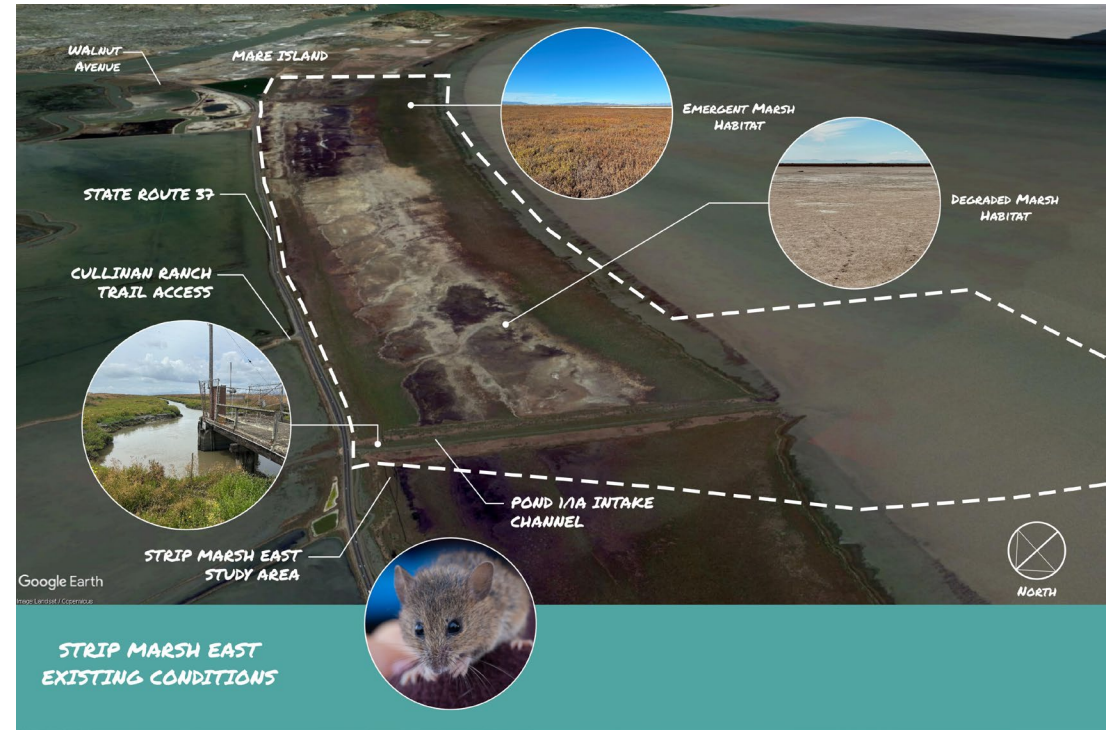
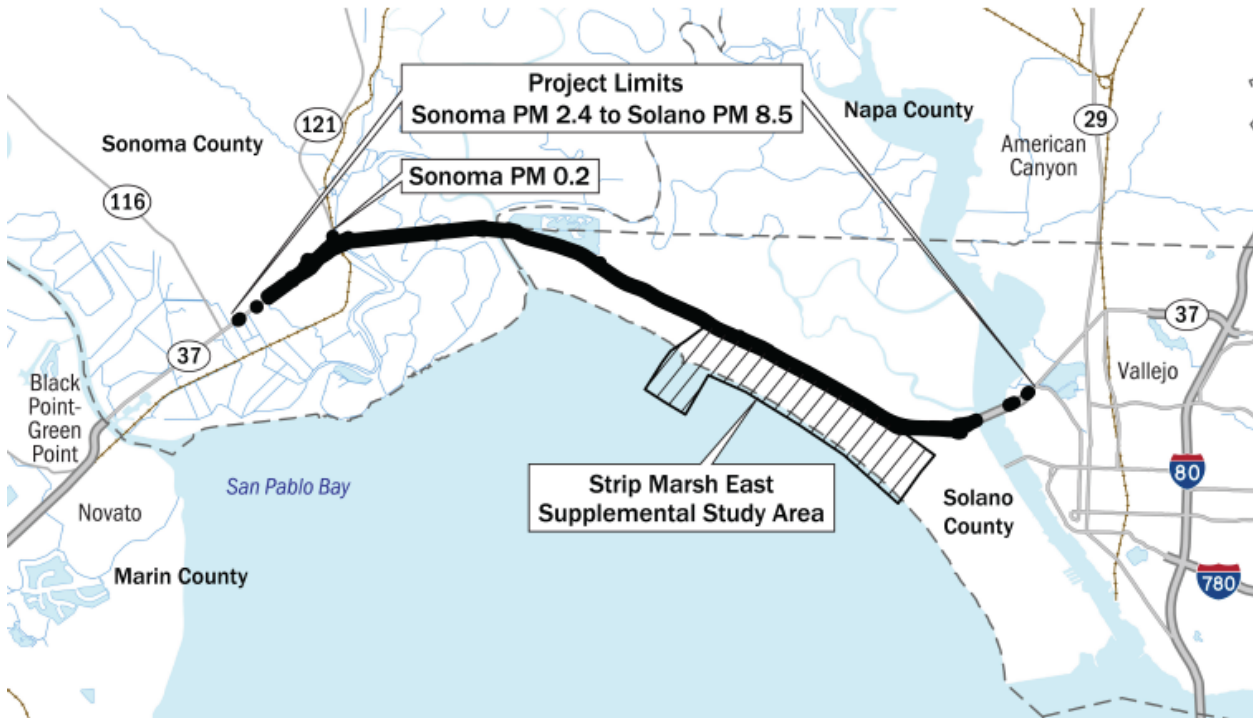
Project Changes/Additional Highway Improvements

- Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts and CHP Enforcement Areas
- Television cameras and radar detection devices
- Static, Changeable Message, and Extinguishable Message Signs
- Overhead roadway lighting
- Relocated tolling gantry

Relocated Tolling Gantry



Project Changes/Strip Marsh East Enhancements



Die back of formerly dense pickleweed marsh bordering isolated ditch





Strip Marsh East Enhancements Completed





Contents of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report

Main Document

- Summary
- Section 1 – Introduction
- Section 2 – Project Description Changes
- Section 3 – Impact Analysis
- Section 4 - References
- Avoidance, minimization and mitigation measures
- Required agency coordination and permits

Appendices

- Appendix A – Map Book
- Appendix B – Section 4(f)
- Appendix C – Environmental Commitments Record
- Appendix D – USFWS and NMFS Species Lists
- Appendix E – Title VI Policy Statement




Summary of Impacts Changes

- Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report found that there would be no new significant impacts from the project changes.
- Most impact conclusions would be the same as what was in the 2023 EIR/EA.

**State Route 37 Sears Point to
Mare Island Improvement Project**
State Route 37 from State Route 121 to Mare Island
Napa, Sonoma, and Solano Counties, California
04-SON-SR 37 (PM 2.4/6.2); 04-SOL-SR 37 (PM 0.0/8.5);
04-SON-121 (PM 0.0/0.2)
EA – 04-1Q761; EFIS – 0419000255

**Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Report
to the
2023 Final Environmental Impact Report/
Environmental Assessment with
Finding of No Significant Impact**



December 2024



Tribal Cultural Resources

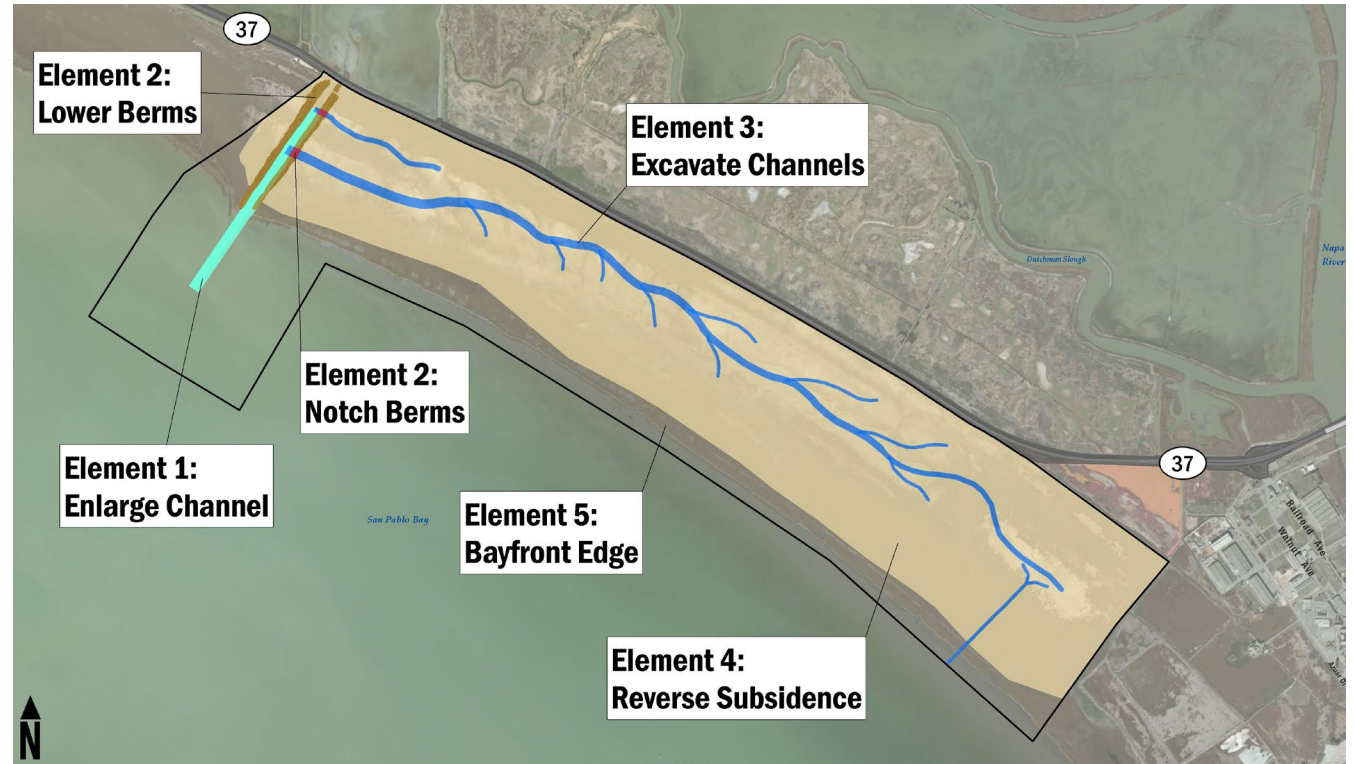
- For Tribal Cultural Resources, the impact determination was changed from “No Impact” to “Less than Significant” impact through additional tribal consultation.
- 3 new measures were developed to avoid or further minimize impacts, including:
 - AMM-TCR-1: Post-Review Discovery and Tribal Monitoring Plan
 - AMM-TCR-2: Cultural Sensitivity/Awareness Training, and
 - AMM-TCR-3: Tribal Monitoring Area



Wetlands, Waters, and Habitat Assessment

Implementation of Strip Marsh East enhancement, along with other project measures, would minimize and fully address adverse impacts from highway improvements for the following biological resources:

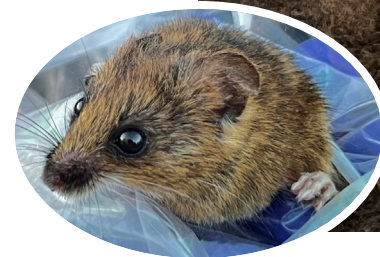
- Wetlands and waters
- Ridgway's and California black rail
- Salt marsh harvest mouse
- Fish
- Overall marsh habitat enhancement





Strip Marsh East Habitat Enhancements

- Reverse ongoing habitat degradation within the Strip Marsh East interior
- Create new wetlands and other waters from existing uplands
- Establish and improve approximately 230 acres of emergent tidal marsh habitat that would serve threatened and endangered species
- Uplift existing ecosystem function within Strip Marsh East interior
- Minimize permanent and temporary impacts on environmentally sensitive areas from roadway widening
- Enhance and restore nature-based approach to flood resiliency and shoreline protection for SR 37



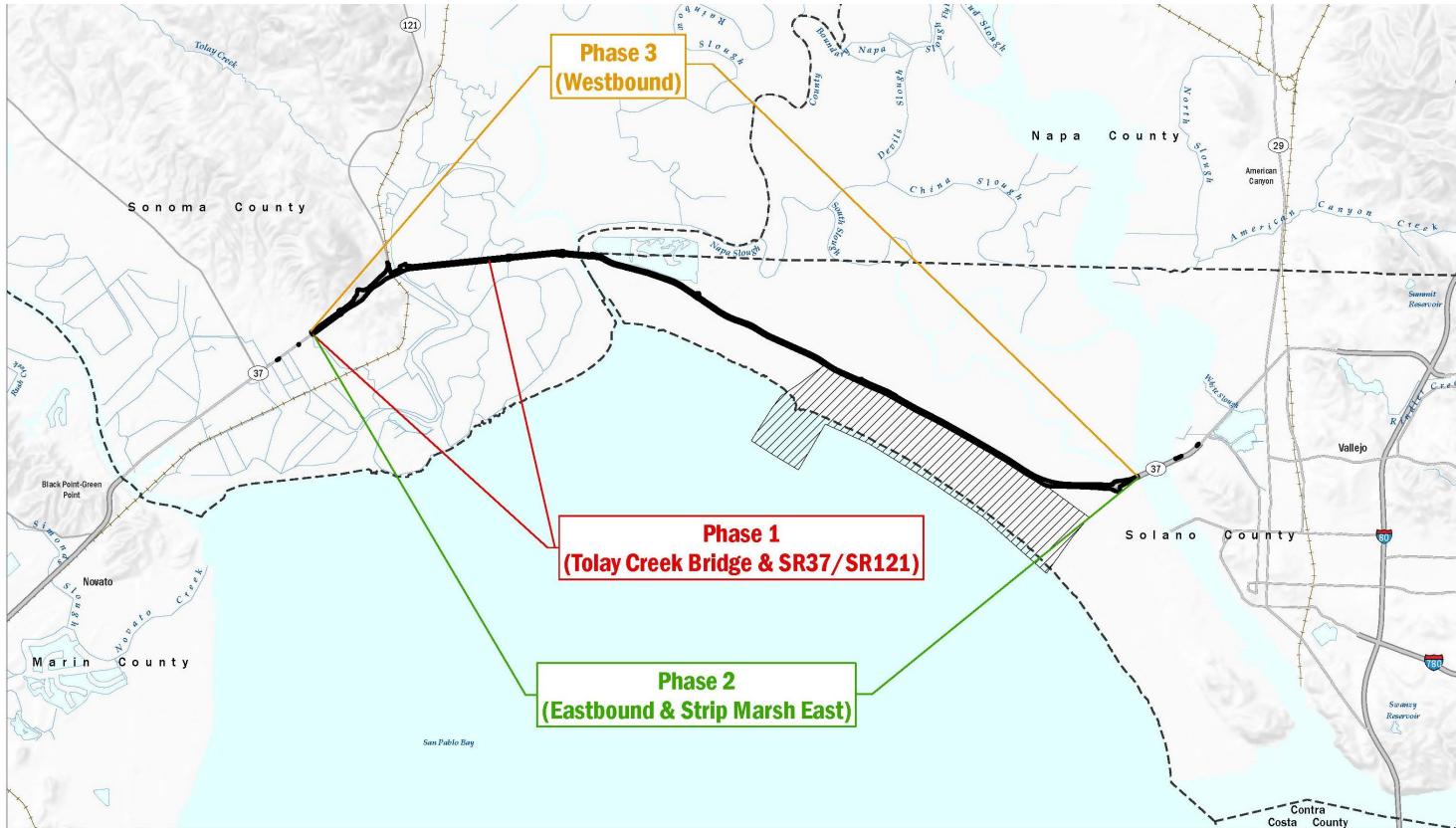


New or Modified Avoidance and Minimization Measures

- AMM-BIO-41: Strip Marsh East Enhancement and Tolay Creek Bridge Replacement
- Strip Marsh East Pond 1/1A Intake Channel Dredging Work Windows
- Post Construction Monitoring at Strip Marsh East



Estimated Project Timeline



Environmental Review

- Comment period ends February 3, 2025
- Final Supplemental EIR Spring 2025

Phase 1 (Tolay Creek Bridge and SR 121)

- Construction begins 2026
- Opening Year 2029

Phase 2 (Eastbound and Strip Marsh East)

- Construction begins 2027
- Opening Year 2029

Phase 3 (Westbound)

- Construction begins 2027
- Opening Year 2029

Note: Schedule dependent upon funding availability and environmental work window restrictions



Construction Impacts to Traffic

- There would be periodic delays during construction, that would be minimized and planned during nonpeak periods.
- Traffic speeds would be reduced within construction zones.
- A Traffic Management Plan would address project construction such as bridge work and widening, which would be available for public review and noticing prior to construction.
- Brief periods of full closure may be needed at night to expedite construction and ensure crew safety.



Draft SEIR Availability

Available for download:

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-projects/d4-37-corridor-projects/37-planning-environmental-documents>

Also available for review at:

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Question and Answer Session

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- Skylar Nguyen – Senior Environmental Scientist
- Christopher Pincetich – Senior Environmental Scientist

Metropolitan Transportation Commission

- Kevin Chen – Assistant Director
- Jeanette Weisman – SR 37 Corridor Program Manager

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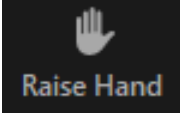
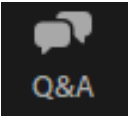
- Jeff Zimmerman – Environmental Lead
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- Joy Villafranca – Project Engineering Manager

Siegel Environmental

- Stuart Siegel – Principal Wetland Scientist



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Thank you!

