

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES TO COMPLETE STREETS FACILITIES (PROJECT DELIVERY)

DISTRICT 4 EA 04-4W730 SHOPP ID 20653
COUNTY: SAN MATEO ROUTE: 82
PROJECT POSTMILES: 8.6/12.3 PHASE: PA&ED (ENVIRONMENTAL)
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Complete Streets Scope Change:

The State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) pavement rehabilitation project on SR 82 originally included new Class II and IV bikeways in the Project Initiation Report (PIR) that had been identified in the City of San Mateo's 2015 Sustainable Streets Plan, the Caltrans Bay Area Bike Plan, and the District's California Active Transportation (CAT) Plan. Bikeways separated from vehicles are also recommended in Caltrans contextual design guidance for bikeway facility selection based on speeds and volumes on El Camino Real. Separated bikeways were removed from the project scope during the Project Approval & Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. A segment of existing Class II bike lanes at the SR 82/SR 92 interchange will be restriped in kind. Additionally, the Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB) that was originally proposed at Chesterton Place has been relocated to Monte Diablo Avenue. Quantities for ADA curb ramps, crosswalk restriping and enhancements, and bicycle loop detectors have been refined and increased based on more detailed assessment during PA&ED.

Justification:

The City of San Mateo's 2015 Sustainable Streets Plan, which recommended separated bikeways, was not adopted by the City Council. The City has adopted a 2020 Bicycle Master Plan which notes the El Camino Real corridor would need further study. Currently, the City is drafting a Complete Streets Plan which will establish modal priorities for El Camino Real. The City has sent a letter to Caltrans formally requesting the removal of the bikeways, as they do not currently align with City-adopted plans and future for the corridor. The project team has agreed that the removal of the proposed bikeways per the City's request is reasonable. In addition, SamTrans has developed the Grand Boulevard Initiative (GBI) Action Plan to evaluate corridor-wide needs, establish a cohesive vision, and identify next steps for implementation. This vision includes a continuous and connected bikeway network for all ages and abilities along the El Camino Real corridor. A countywide Project Initiation Document is currently in development to implement multimodal improvements along the corridor identified in the GBI Action Plan.