

JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES TO COMPLETE STREETS FACILITIES (PROJECT DELIVERY)

DISTRICT 10 EA 10-1M440 SHOPP ID 22370
COUNTY: TUOLUMNE ROUTE: 108
PROJECT POSTMILES: R4.20/13.40 PHASE: PA&ED (ENVIRONMENTAL)
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Complete Streets Scope Change:

This is a pavement anchor project on state route (SR) 108 in Tuolumne County funded by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The project limits, extending from the Peaceful Oak Road Undercrossing to Coffill Road, encompass a Tier 2 Priority segment of the district's Caltrans Active Transportation (CAT) Plan, which runs from 0.3 miles west of Peaceful Oak Road to Soulsbyville Road. SR 108 is also identified as a state priority for a new bikeway from Twain Harte Drive to 0.2 miles west of Confidence Road. The Class II bike lane has been removed from the project scope.

Justification:

The PDT made this decision based on several factors. First, SR 108 is an expressway with a posted speed of 55 MPH, and under the department's evolving guidance for all-ages-and-abilities bikeways, a Class II facility is not considered an appropriate bikeway type. A facility with greater separation or physical barriers would be more suitable.

Second, the pavement widening needed to accommodate a bikeway would require additional right of way and would result in higher environmental mitigation and compliance costs than those identified in the project's programming document.

Third, the project's construction budget has been reduced by approximately 40%, affecting not only the Complete Streets elements but also five culvert replacements within this multi-asset project.

Fourth, installing a bike lane on this facility would require relocating 12 utility poles, and coordination with the utility provider would delay needed pavement repair work.

Given these factors, the district is prioritizing Complete Streets investments at higher-priority and more practicable locations.