



## STATE ROUTE 82 (EL CAMINO REAL) AT FLORIBUNDA AVENUE INTERSECTION SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

#### **What is the State Route 82 (El Camino Real) at Floribunda Avenue Intersection Safety Improvement Project?**

The project is proposed to improve safety at the intersection of El Camino Real and Floribunda Avenue in the City of Burlingame and Town of Hillsborough, by reducing the potential for left-turn related collisions.

#### **Where is the project located?**

The project is located along an approximately 500-foot segment of El Camino Real, with approaches to the intersection of Floribunda Avenue, between Bellevue Avenue and Fairfield Road.

#### **Why is the project needed?**

The project is needed to improve safety at the intersection El Camino Real and Floribunda Avenue by reducing the potential for left-turn related collisions. The State accident-monitoring system identified this intersection as having a high number of left-turn related accidents where the actual accident rate is higher than the Statewide average rate.

#### **What benefits will the project provide?**

The project will reduce the potential for left-turn related collisions and improve pedestrian safety at the intersection of El Camino Real and Floribunda Avenue.

#### **Why is the project being proposed at Floribunda Avenue?**

Due to the actual accident rate at this intersection being greater than the Statewide average for collisions involving vehicles making left turns, the project was proposed to improve safety and reduce the potential for left-turn related collisions. This intersection has a higher than Statewide average accident rate, with 58 percent of the collisions involving left turns.

#### **How will the project be funded?**

The project will be funded from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program. Funds from this program are used to preserve and protect the State highway systems through maintenance, rehabilitation, and safety projects.

#### **What is the environmental process for the project?**

The environmental review process for a typical Caltrans project includes technical studies and analysis of potential impacts for the following resources: cultural, visual/aesthetics, water quality/stormwater runoff, traffic, biological environment, hydrology/floodplain, geology, hazardous waste, air quality, and noise and energy and climate change. The environmental process for the project includes the following:

- Notice of Preparation of Environmental Document for Public/Agency Input on Scope
- Public Scoping Meeting
- Review and Evaluate Scoping Comments
- Perform Technical Studies and Analysis
- Circulation of Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) for Public Review
- Public Meeting
- Respond to Comments and prepare Final EIR/EA
- Caltrans Project Approval
- Caltrans files Notice of Determination

### **What is the project's status?**

A public scoping meeting was held on November 19, 2013, to obtain public input regarding options to be considered and environmental impacts involving the options. Caltrans is performing technical studies and, along with the City of Burlingame and Town of Hillsborough, is considering viable alternatives that meet the project purpose and need, while avoiding/minimizing environmental impacts. The environmental review and final environmental document is anticipated to be complete by late, 2015, followed by Design, which is anticipated to be complete by summer of 2017.

### **What are viable project alternatives?**

Viable project alternatives are developed by the project development team based on technical studies of possible environmental impacts and input from the community and involved agencies. The alternatives must meet the project purpose and need while avoiding/minimizing environmental impacts.

### **Are there impacts to trees?**

Impacts to trees will be assessed as part of the environmental review process. Trees are a scenic, cultural, and environmental resource. The project development team will review and select viable alternatives that strive to minimize impacts to trees, particularly those within the Howard Ralston Tree Rows. The environmental effects of unavoidable tree removal will be mitigated through the planting of replacement trees where possible. Effects to the Howard-Ralston Eucalyptus Tree Rows will be analyzed pursuant to the Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This effects analysis will be coordinated with the California State Historic Preservation officer and other interested parties. A range of mitigation options (including replanting, interpretative signage, etc.) will be considered to address any potential adverse effects to the Howard-Ralston Eucalyptus Tree Rows.

**Will there be an opportunity to provide input to the environmental document?  
Will my comments be included in the document?**

Yes, once the draft environmental document (DED) is released for comment, a public meeting will be held. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the DED at the public meeting and by phone, email, or letter. Comments received during the comment period will be analyzed and addressed in the final environmental document.

