

# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report



**Meeting:** February 10, 2022

**From:** Public Works Department

**Subject:** Presentation on Highway 1 Auxiliary Lane and Bus-on-Shoulder Project between Bay Avenue/Porter Street and State Park Drive

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**Recommended Action:** Receive a presentation from the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and provide input on the aesthetic treatments for the Highway 1 Auxiliary Lane and Bus-on-Shoulder Project between Bay Ave./Porter St. and State Park Dr.

**Background:** The Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Commission (RTC), in a joint effort with Caltrans District 5 and the County of Santa Cruz, is developing a Highway 1 Auxiliary Lanes and Bus-on-Shoulder Project between Bay Ave./Porter St. and State Park Dr. The project is currently in the final design phase and construction is tentatively scheduled to start in 2023.

**Discussion:** The project includes the following improvements along the corridor:

- New northbound and southbound auxiliary lanes between Bay Ave./Porter St. and Park Ave. interchanges, and between Park Ave. and State Park Dr. interchanges
- Bus-on-shoulder facilities
- New bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at Mar Vista Drive
- Replacement of the Capitola Ave. bridge/overcrossing

Improvements within Capitola City limits include the following:

- Replacement of the Capitola Ave. overcrossing. The new and improved bridge will provide full sidewalks, bike lanes, and safety fencing.
- Sound walls along the highway adjacent to the Capitola Knolls condominiums
- Retaining walls south of the Bay Ave./Porter St. interchange

Aesthetic improvements included throughout the project are:

- Community identifiers on safety fences of the overpass at Capitola Ave. and the Mar Vista bicycle/pedestrian bridge
- Aesthetic treatments on sound walls and retaining walls
- Landscaping

While the engineering design of project is complete, the RTC is seeking Council and community input on the aesthetic treatments of project elements for inclusion in the final design documents.

Construction of this project will impact the City while Capitola Ave. Overcrossing is closed for its' replacement.

A publicity flyer promoting a video on the aesthetic features of the project will be distributed to the public for their information, and to encourage feedback/comments. The flyer is included as Attachment 4.

**Fiscal Impact:** None

Attachments:

1. Project Improvement Map
2. Capitola Avenue Overcrossing Graphic
3. Public Notice Flyer

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