

I-580 Westbound HOV Lane Project

ALAMEDA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
DISTRICT 4 – ALA -580 (R8.29/R21.43)
EA No. 290820

Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Assessment



**Prepared for the
State of California
Department of Transportation**

The environmental review, consultation, and any other action required in accordance with applicable Federal laws for this project is being, or has been, carried out by Caltrans under its assumption of responsibility pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327.



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General Information About This Document

What's in this document:

This Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA), which has been prepared for the California Department of Transportation (Department), examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project located in Alameda County, California. The document describes why the project is being proposed, alternatives for the project, the existing environment that could be affected by the project, the potential impacts from each of the alternatives, and the proposed avoidance, minimization, and/or compensation measures.

What you should do:

Please read this Initial Study/Environmental Assessment. Additional copies of this document as well as the technical studies are available for review at:

- Caltrans District 4 Office, 111 Grand Avenue, Oakland, California 94623, or website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist4/envdocs.htm
- Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA) offices at 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, California 94612, or website at www.accma.ca.gov
- Dublin Library, 200 Civic Plaza, Dublin, California 94568
- Pleasanton Public Library, 400 Old Bernal Avenue, Pleasanton, California 94566
- Livermore Public Library, Civic Center Branch, 1188 South Livermore Avenue, Livermore, California 94550

We welcome your comments. If you have any comments regarding the proposed project, please send your written comments to Caltrans by the deadline.

- Submit comments via postal mail to:
Ed Pang, Senior Environmental Planner
Attn: Maureen A, Murphy, Associate Environmental Planner,
Caltrans District 4 Office of Environmental Analysis
P.O. Box 23660
Oakland, CA 94623-0660
- Submit comments via email to: [Maureen_A_Murphy @dot.ca.gov](mailto:Maureen_A_Murphy@dot.ca.gov)
- Submit comments by the deadline: 5 p.m. April 24, 2009

What happens next:

After comments are received from the public and reviewing agencies, the Department, as assigned by the Federal Highway Administration, may: (1) give environmental approval to the proposed project, (2) undertake additional environmental studies, or (3) abandon the project. If the project is given environmental approval and funding is appropriated, the Department could design and construct all or part of the project.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document can be made available in Braille, large print, on audiocassette, or on computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please call or write to Alameda County Congestion Management Authority, Attn: Stephen Haas, Project Manager, 1333 Broadway, Suite 220, Oakland, CA 94612; (510) 836-2560.

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Submitted Pursuant to: (State) Division 13, California Public Resources Code
(Federal) 42 USC 4332(2)(C)

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Transportation

3-20-09

Date of Approval



BIJAN SARTIPI, District Director
California Department of Transportation

PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to: Division 13, Public Resources Code

Project Description

The California Department of Transportation (Department), in cooperation with the Alameda County Congestion Management Agency (ACCMA), propose to construct a westbound high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lane in the median of Interstate 580 (I-580) from west of the Greenville Road undercrossing (PM 8.29) to west of the San Ramon/Foothill Road overcrossing (PM 21.43).

Determination

This proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is included to give notice to interested agencies and the public that it is the Department's intent to adopt an MND for this project. This does not mean that the Department's decision regarding the project is final. This MND is subject to modification based on comments received by interested agencies and the public.

An Initial Study has been prepared for this project and pending public review, the Department expects to determine from this study that the proposed project would have no effect on: Parks and Recreation, Paleontology, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Land Use, Growth, Farmlands/ Timberlands, Community Impacts, Environmental Justice, Relocations, and Emergency Services. In addition, the proposed project would have no significantly adverse effect on Traffic and Transportation, Air Quality, Hydrology and Floodplain, Water Quality, Visual Resources, and Hazardous Material. Avoidance and minimization measures would reduce any potential Noise, Water Quality, and Hazardous Material effects of the project.

The proposed project would have no significantly adverse effect on Biological Resources because the following mitigation measures (summarized) would reduce potential effects to insignificance:

- To offset temporary and permanent impacts to waters of the United States, including wetlands, compensatory mitigation at a minimum ratio of 1:1 will be accomplished through a combination of onsite restoration/creation, offsite restoration, or purchase of mitigation credits.
- For loss of habitat for federally-listed threatened and/or endangered species, suitable habitat will be created or restored within project limits, or habitat credits will be purchased at a USFWS-approved mitigation bank.

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California Department of Transportation

Date

