

# WESTBOUND I-580 TO NORTHBOUND U.S. 101 CONNECTOR IMPROVEMENTS FACT SHEET

## The Project

The Westbound (WB) I-580 to Northbound (NB) U.S. 101 Connector Improvements Project is located on I-580 from one mile east of Bellam Blvd to U.S. 101, and on U.S. 101 from the San Quentin Wye Interchange (U.S. 101/Rte 580) to the Central San Rafael (2<sup>nd</sup> Street) off-ramp. The project proposes to widen the connector from WB 580 to NB 101; extend the off-ramp to Bellam Blvd from WB 580; modify the on-ramp from Bellam Blvd. to WB Rte 580; reconstruct the existing Bellam Blvd undercrossing structure; improve pedestrian and bicyclist facilities on Bellam Blvd; add an auxiliary lane on WB I-580 to Bellam Blvd; and add an auxiliary lane on northbound U.S. 101.

## The Need

The project connects two major Bay Area freeway facilities and serves as the western terminus to I-580. This interchange currently provides a direct connection for the WB I-580 to NB U.S. 101 movement, and the southbound U.S. 101 to eastbound I-580 movements.

## Benefits

This project will improve traffic operations on the WB I-580 connector to U.S. 101 and relieve traffic queues on WB I-580. It will contribute to enhancing traffic operations and improving travel times within two highly congested corridors, enhance mobility, and improve air quality.

## Partnership

This project is developed through a partnership between the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), City of San Rafael, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). Project sponsors include local, state, and federal agencies.

## Project Status

Environmental and Right of Approval have been completed. Design approval is expected in early Spring 2009

## Project Costs

The total costs for the project are estimated at \$20 million.

## Project Schedule

Start Construction: Summer 2009  
Finish Construction: Summer 2010

## Summary

The WB I-580 to NB U.S. 101 Connector Improvements project is necessary to improve the overall mobility of two highly congested corridors.

## For further Information

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