



Canal Neighborhood Community-Based Transportation Plan

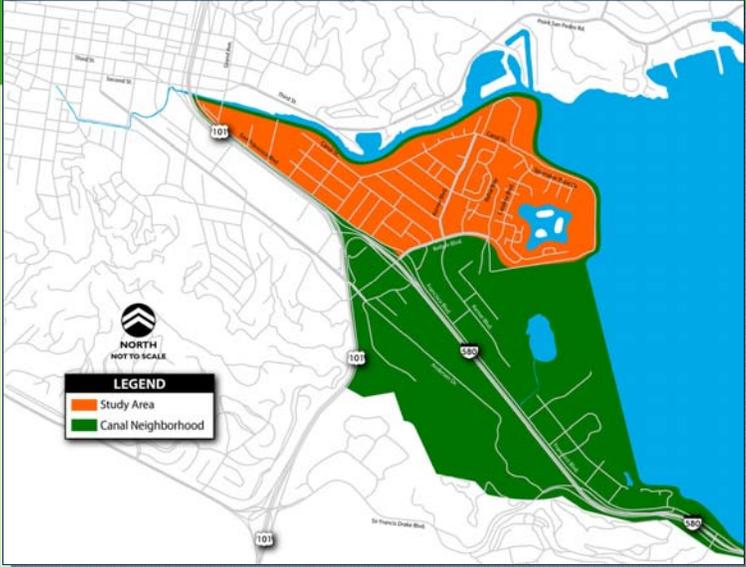
Stakeholder Committee Meeting #1

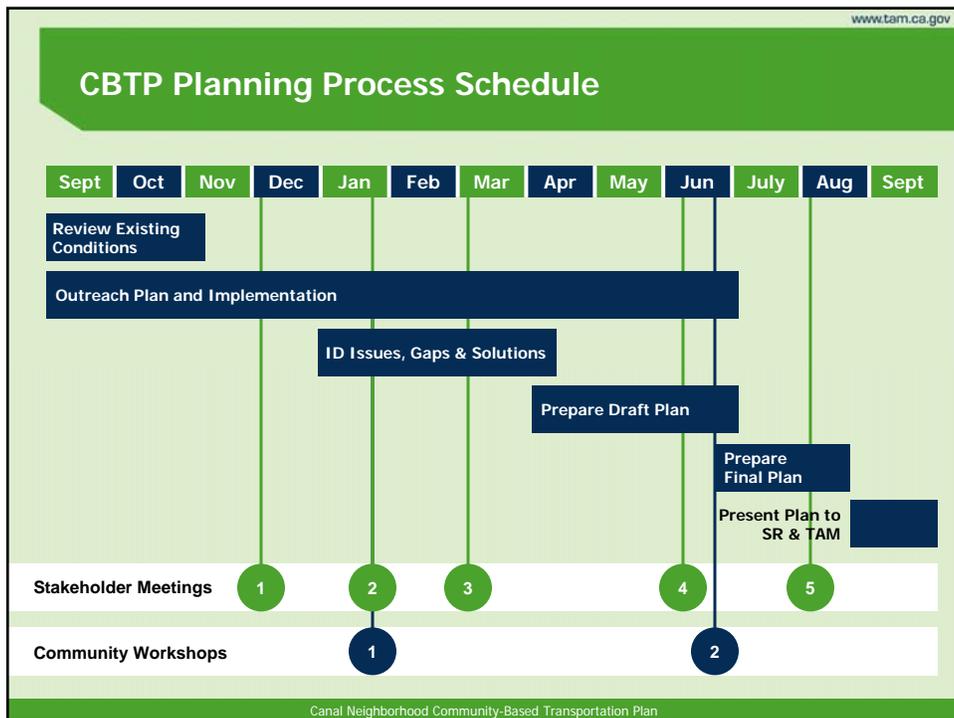
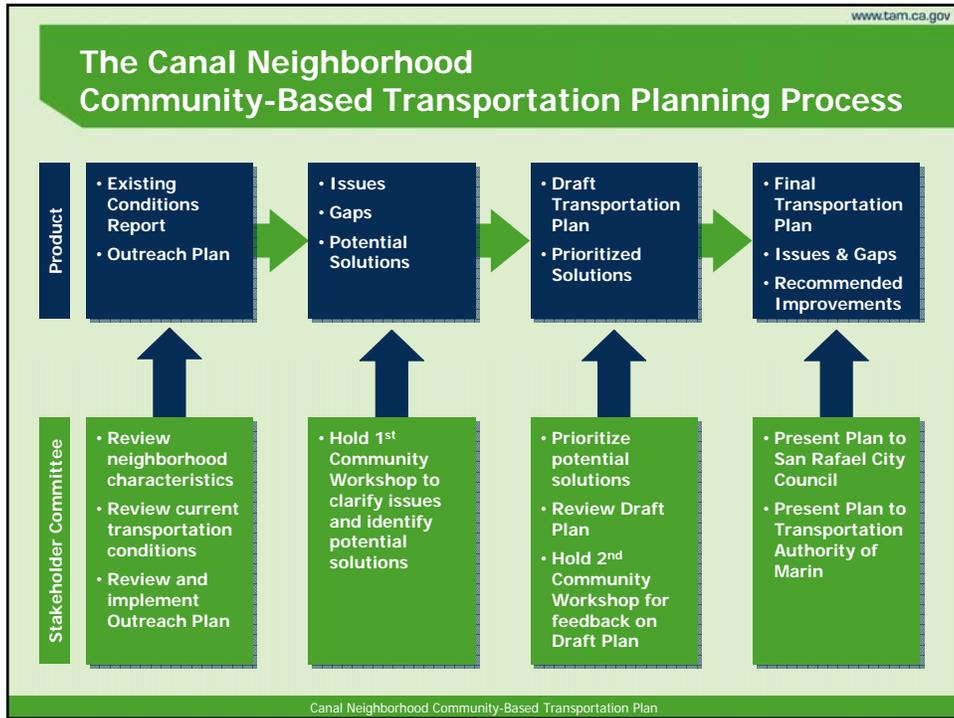
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Study Area





Key Participants

- Canal Neighborhood Residents, Businesses and Groups
- Canal Stakeholder Committee
- TAM and San Rafael Staff
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC)
- Consultant Team

Introductions

- Name
- How you got to know the neighborhood
- One thing you love about the neighborhood
- 1-minute time limit

Ground Rules

- Brown Act
- Committee Ground Rules
- Discussion about successful committee process

DRAFT Existing Conditions Summary Report

- Summary of information about the community and transportation in the Canal Neighborhood
 - Overview of the existing transportation network and description of travel patterns of residents
 - Information about the neighborhood in comparison to San Rafael and Marin County
 - Plans and studies concerning transportation issues and projects in the neighborhood

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- Diverse neighborhood (Page 7)
- Most residents do not speak English at home (P. 9)
- The Canal has a significant immigrant population and higher transiency rate (P. 9-10)
- Almost half of the families have children (P. 12)
- Residents are mostly renters and pay a high percentage of their income towards rent (P. 15)
- A higher percentage of people in the Canal have disabilities in the 16-64 age group (P. 11)
- Most residents are employed in food service, landscaping, building maintenance and construction (P. 13)

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- Lower car ownership rates result in longer commutes (P. 17)
- Rate of public transit, carpooling and walking to work is almost double that of other SR and Marin commuters (P. 16)
- Routes 35 and 36 provide an essential link between the Canal Neighborhood and downtown San Rafael and other destinations but most trips require a transfer (P. 24)
- Popular paratransit destinations are shown on Figure 6, Page 26
- Key pedestrian connections are Grand Ave Bridge, East Francisco Blvd, and Bellam/Andersen intersection (P. 25)
- Busiest Road is Bellam - about 25,000 Average Daily Trips (ADT) (P. 19)

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- Some bike lanes exist; more are planned for, including the North/South Greenway connecting central San Rafael to the Larkspur Ferry Terminal (P. 29, 34 & 46)
- Safe Routes to Schools efforts, including a grant to improve safe access to Bahia Vista school (P. 29)
- MANY relevant studies, reports and plans! (P. 31-46)
 - Pg. 33: Canal Crossing
 - Pg. 33: Medway/Canal Enhancement Project (\$2.3M)
 - Pg. 36: General Plan 2020 Roadway Improvement - Shoreline Undercrossing between Francisco Blvd. E and Andersen Dr. under I-580
 - Pg. 40: MCTD Short Range Transit Plan, January 2006 – recommendations for service improvements in the neighborhood
 - Pg. 42: Lifeline Transportation Network Report – start of this effort!!

Key Findings

- The Canal Neighborhood is physically isolated from other parts of San Rafael and other destinations in Marin
- Shopping, education and services are limited and travel is constrained by poor connections
- Canal residents make up 20 percent of San Rafael's population, are predominately immigrants, and typically speak a home language other than English
- Compared to Marin, Canal residents are younger, the household sizes are larger, and the household incomes are smaller
- Canal residents own fewer cars and ride transit more frequently than other residents in Marin
- GGT bus routes 35 and 36 serving the Canal Neighborhood are the most heavily used routes in Marin County

Key Findings

- GGT bus routes 35 and 36 serving the Canal Neighborhood are the most heavily used routes in Marin County
- Residents have said:
 - Better connections are needed to popular destinations
 - Bus service should be improved
 - It should be safer to walk and ride a bike in the neighborhood
- Future improvements include:
 - Marin County Transit District plans improvements to local bus service and bus stop shelters
 - City of San Rafael plans streetscape improvements on Medway Rd.

Outreach Plan

- 2 community workshops
 - #1 in early 2006 (February 2, 2006?)
 - #2 in June 2006
- Extensive outreach through contact with local community groups, churches, businesses and media
- Multi-lingual presentations and breakout discussions
- Build off of previous work on issues and comments from community
- Stakeholder review of draft outreach plan
- Do you want to help with the planning of the community workshop? Let us know!

What's Next?

- 1st Community Workshop
 - Purpose
 - Outreach
- Choose Co-Chairs for Community Workshop

Public Comments

Do you have anything to add? Additional Questions?

THANK YOU!