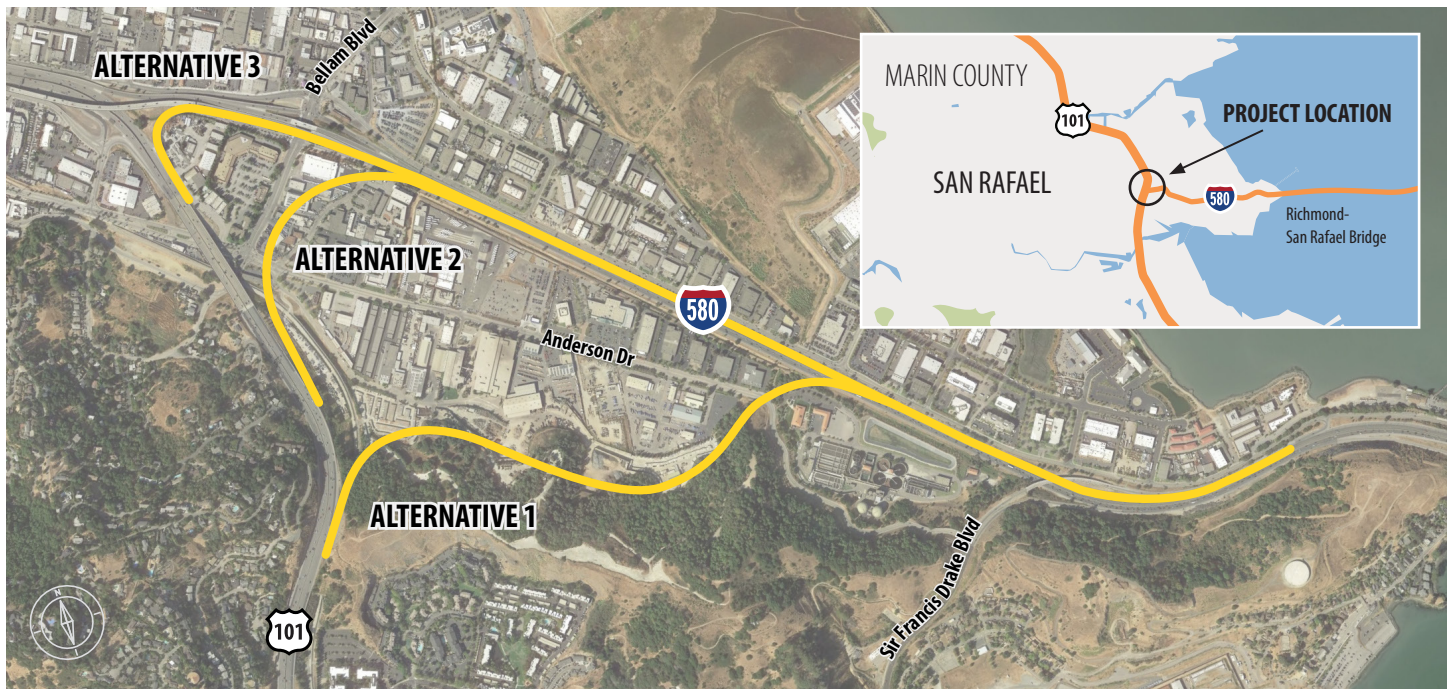


# Northbound Highway 101 to Eastbound Interstate 580 Direct Connector



Potential alternative alignments

## OVERVIEW

Commuters throughout Marin County experience significant delay accessing the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (I-580) to travel eastbound to Contra Costa County, particularly in the afternoon and on weekends.

The approach to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge from northbound Highway 101 is one of two approaches to toll bridges in the Bay Area that include low speed local roads and traffic signals. Congestion associated with access to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge is causing increasing traffic delays on northbound Highway 101 and local streets. This connector project is a long standing public priority in Marin County. The connector is an essential part of the toll bridge limits.

The Transportation Authority of Marin completed a draft conceptual and technical analysis of connector options in spring 2017. The analysis identified three potential alternatives to provide a direct connection between the two freeways. The direct connector would provide a clear benefit to travel time

between NB US-101 to EB I-580 and would serve current and future mobility, reduce congestion and air pollution, improve safety, and ensure efficient movement of people and goods.

The project would require further detailed study and environmental analysis, but concept is broadly accepted by all jurisdictions in Marin County.

## PROJECT PARTNERS

Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Transportation Authority of Marin, City of San Rafael and the City of Larkspur.

## COST AND FUNDING

TAM has allocated \$250,000 to develop additional conceptual and technical analysis and has submitted this project as a tier one priority for consideration of funding from the upcoming Regional Measure 3 toll increase.

The initial analysis identified alternatives ranging in cost from \$135 to \$255 million.