

# Transportation Authority of Marin: Northbound US-101 to Eastbound I-580 Direct Connector

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The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM), in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), and the cities of San Rafael and Larkspur, proposes to construct a direct highway connection from northbound US-101 to eastbound I-580 in Marin County and improve bicycle/pedestrian connections along Bellam Boulevard in San Rafael.

No such highway connection exists today. Rather, many drivers on northbound US-101 in Corte Madera and Larkspur typically exit the highway and drive on East Sir Francis Drake Boulevard to access the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (I-580). Having to drive on local streets causes congestion and traffic delays on northbound US-101, Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, and other local streets.



## Project Goals

As a regional transportation priority, the Project will be developed with the following goals in mind:

- Improve connectivity between northbound U.S. 101 and eastbound I-580 for regional traffic.
- Reduce regional travel time between northbound U.S. 101 and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge.
- Separate local traffic from regional pass-through traffic.
- Reduce local traffic congestion.
- Enhance the active transportation network (e.g., bicycle and pedestrian) and bus transit within the project area.

## Current Status

In July 2019, the TAM Board of Commissioners approved funding to initiate planning and environmental review for the project. Voters have demonstrated regional support for the Direct Connector by approving two funding measures. In June 2018, Bay Area voters approved Regional Measure 3 (RM3) to fund various transportation projects in the Bay Area, including this new connector. In November 2018, Marin County voters renewed a local half-cent sales tax (Measure AA) which provides approximately \$12 million to accelerate the project.

TAM intends to use funding from these sources to perform alternatives evaluation, consensus building, preliminary engineering, and environmental clearance leading to selection of a preferred alternative for the connector.



## Preliminary Project Timeline



## How to Get Involved

TAM and its project partners welcome your input and feedback. There are a number of ways to get involved:

- Visit our website at [www.Marin101-580.com](http://www.Marin101-580.com) for more information
- Get added to our email list by sending a request to [Marin101-580@tam.ca.gov](mailto:Marin101-580@tam.ca.gov)
- Attend a future public meeting. Dates will be posted on our website and circulated to the project email list.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @TAM\_MovingMarin

### Current Project Funding

Regional Measure 3	\$135,000,000
Marin County Measure AA Sales Tax	\$12,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$147,000,000</b>

**Note:** the information in this fact sheet is subject to periodic updates.