

## Northbound US-101 to Eastbound I-580 Direct Connector

Stakeholder Working Group #6 May 18, 2021



## **ZOOM Protocols & Meeting Guidelines**

#### **Zoom Meeting Protocols**

- Everyone will be put on Mute to reduce background sounds. Meeting Host will unmute you when it is your turn to speak.
- During Presentation
  - If you have comments about the project, please hold them until discussion or public comment.
  - We will pause for clarifying questions before the alternatives discussion.
- During Discussion
  - We will open it to general conversation whenever possible. Stakeholder Working Group members can Raise Hand to get in the queue.
- During Public Comment
  - Public participants can Raise Hand to provide comments.

#### **Meeting Guidelines**

- Please be concise, this is a challenging format for discussion
- Be honest and constructive, build on the ideas of others

## Agenda for Today's Meeting

- 1. Overview of Today's Agenda and Goals
- 2. SWG Introductions
- Recap of SWG #5 and Alternatives Update Connie and Chadi
- 4. Alternatives Discussion Charles, Connie and Chadi
  - Introduction and Discussion Approach
  - Alternatives Feedback and Discussion
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Next Steps and Timeline

## **SWG Introductions**

## Stakeholder Working Group

DJ Allison	Bike & Pedestrian	San Rafael Bike/Ped Adv. Comm.
Michele Barni	Community	Pt. San Quentin Village HOA
Omar Carrera	Community	Canal Alliance
Julie Cervetto	Business	Larkspur Chamber of Commerce
Jim Draper, Richard Bernstein	Community	Fed. of San Rafael Neighborhoods
Air Gallegos	Commuter	East Bay to/from San Rafael
Kevin Hagerty	Community	League of Women Voters
Jon Horinek	Community	College of Marin
Linda Jackson	Environmental	Sustainable San Rafael
Wendi Kallins	Environmental	Sustainable Marin
Becky Kittredge	Commuter	East Bay to/from Larkspur
Douglas Mundo	Community	Multicultural Center of Marin
Dave Pedroli	Community	San Rafael City Schools
Stephanie Plante	Business	East San Rafael Businesses
Kate Powers	Environmental	Marin Conservation League
Jim Rosenfield, Libby Schenkel, Elaine Lin	Business	Country Mart, Larkspur Landing
Betsy Swenerton	Community	Bret Harte Community Assoc
Dave Troup	Transit Rider	Rides GGT through project area
Joanne Webster	Business	San Rafael Chamber of Commerce
Warren Wells, Tarrell Kullaway	Bike & Pedestrian	Marin County Bicycle Coalition

### **TAM 101-580 Team**

#### **Transportation Authority Marin**

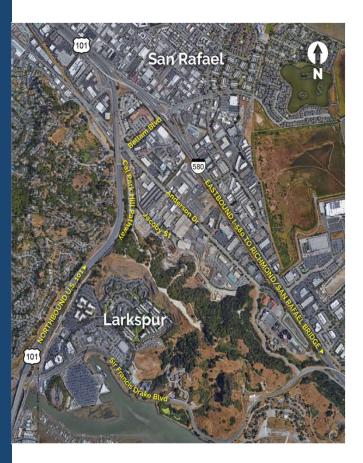
- Anne Richman, Executive Director
- Dan Cherrier, Principal Project Delivery Manager
- Connie Fremier, Project Manager
- Molly Graham, Public Outreach Coordinator

#### **Consulting Team**

- Chadi Chazbek, Project Manager, Kimley-Horn
- Sean Mayer, Deputy Project Manager, Kimley-Horn
- Charles Gardiner, Facilitator, Catalyst Group
- Linadria Porter, Outreach Manager, Catalyst Group

# Recap & Alternatives Update

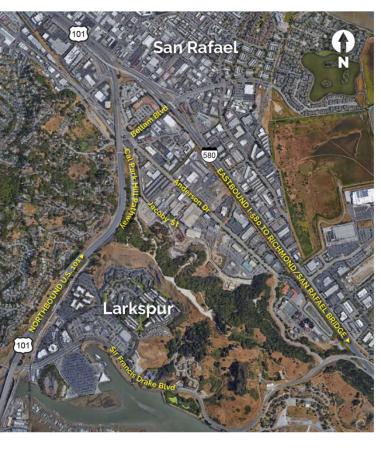
## **Proposed Project**



- Build a new freeway-to-freeway connection from Northbound US 101 to eastbound I-580
- Improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access primarily along Bellam Blvd
- Replace existing two-span EB 580 bridge over Bellam with a single span bridge
- Construct auxiliary lane on EB I-580 from the new connector to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge

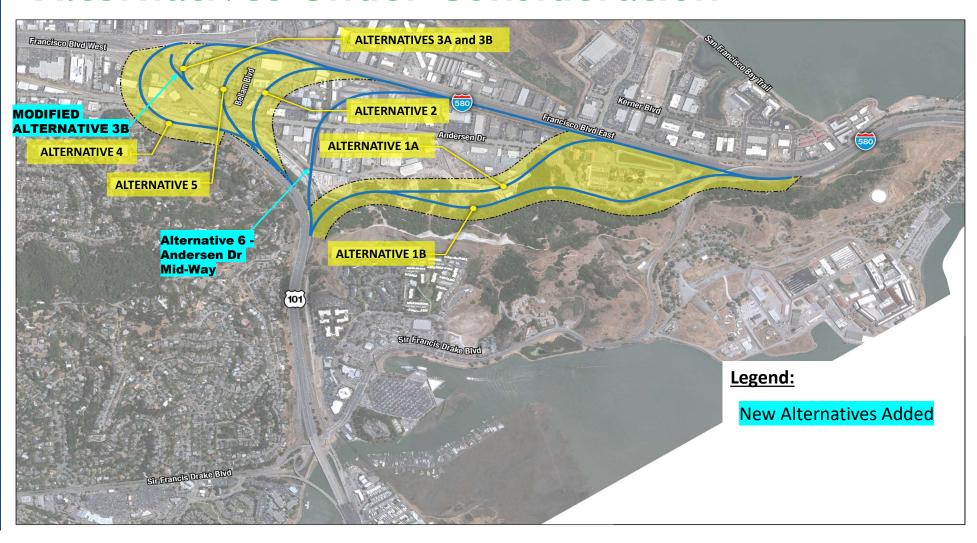
#### Marin NB 101 to EB 580 Direct Connector

#### **Project Goals and Objectives**



- Build a new freeway-to-freeway connection between NB US 101 and EB I-580 to improve connectivity and traffic flow for local and regional traffic
- Separate regional pass-through traffic from local traffic and reduce local traffic congestion
- Enhance bicycle and pedestrian network and local access within the project area
- Promote equity for all users, particularly members of the under-represented communities within the project area
- Project should not preclude construction of future WB 580 to SB 101 Connector

## **Alternatives Under Consideration**



## Local Project Improvements in San Rafael

#### **Bellam Corridor**

- Remove regional traffic from the Bellam off-ramp intersection
- Replace I-580 EB Bridge and create additional space for bike/ped improvements (\$11M)
- Bellam Boulevard improvements\*
  - Implement safer and more accessible bike and pedestrian facilities along Bellam (\$7M)
  - Complete the bike and pedestrian connection to Cal Park Path
  - Evaluate improvements along Andersen north of Bellam to provide better access to Davidson MS and downtown San Rafael
  - Incorporate placemaking, arts, and beautification elements throughout the corridor as feasible
- Potentially replace I-580 WB SFD off-ramp exit bridge and make SFD/Andersen intersection safer for bike/ped access and improve intersection operation (\$19M)

\*Designs to be developed with the community during the environmental phase

## Consistency with Future Planning Efforts

- Direct Connector Project would not preclude future additional improvements along I-580 corridor
  - Project needs to be consistent with the RM 3 funding legislation and TAM's Measure AA voter-approved language
- Team will be coordinating with City of San Rafael on its Community Based
   Transportation Plan, which could evaluate additional circulation needs
- Priority Development Area planning may be funded in the future

### **Alternatives Handbook**

Summarizes Alternatives and Available Comparison Information



- Existing Conditions
- Proposed Project
- Project Goals and Objectives
- Project Considerations
- Alternatives Under Consideration
  - Plans/Profiles
  - Renderings
- Alternatives Comparison Tables
- Project Timeline/Schedule

## **SWG Questions and Clarifications**

# Alternatives Discussion

#### **SWG Member Discussion**

#### **Discussion Approach**

- SWG priorities for the project
- SWG recommendations regarding alternatives to drop
- SWG input on pros and cons of each alternative

#### **SWG Member Discussion**

#### **Question 1**

What are your priorities for the project?

- SWG members will receive a survey link via chat
- Members of the public can email responses to Marin101-580@tam.ca.gov

## Important Project Considerations

- Design speed
- Traffic & congestion
- Environmental impacts
  - Air quality & GHG emissions
  - Noise
  - Habitat and SF Bay
  - Visual impacts

- Equity
- Sea level rise considerations
- Costs and funding
- Property impacts
- Economic impacts & benefits
- Neighborhood connectivity
- Bike/pedestrian/transit access

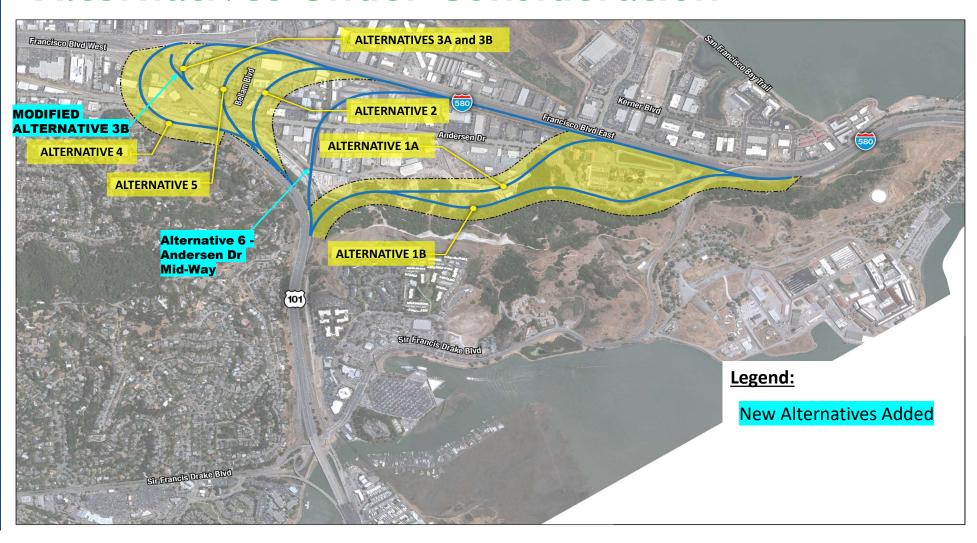
#### **SWG Member Discussion**

#### **Question 2**

Which alternatives do you recommend dropping from further consideration?

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## **Alternatives Under Consideration**



#### **SWG Member Discussion**

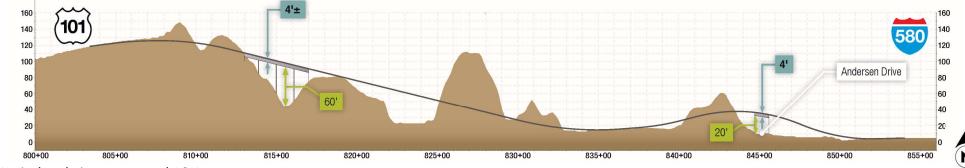
#### **Question 3**

What are your reasons for dropping or keeping an alternative?

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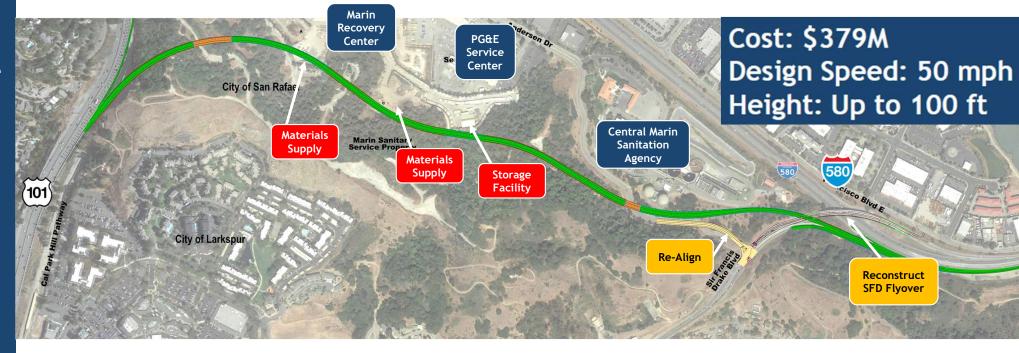


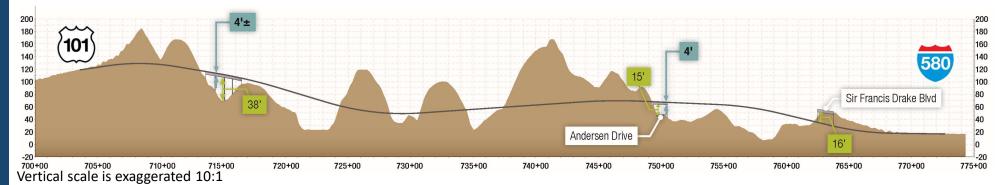


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## Alternative 1B - Upper Hillside





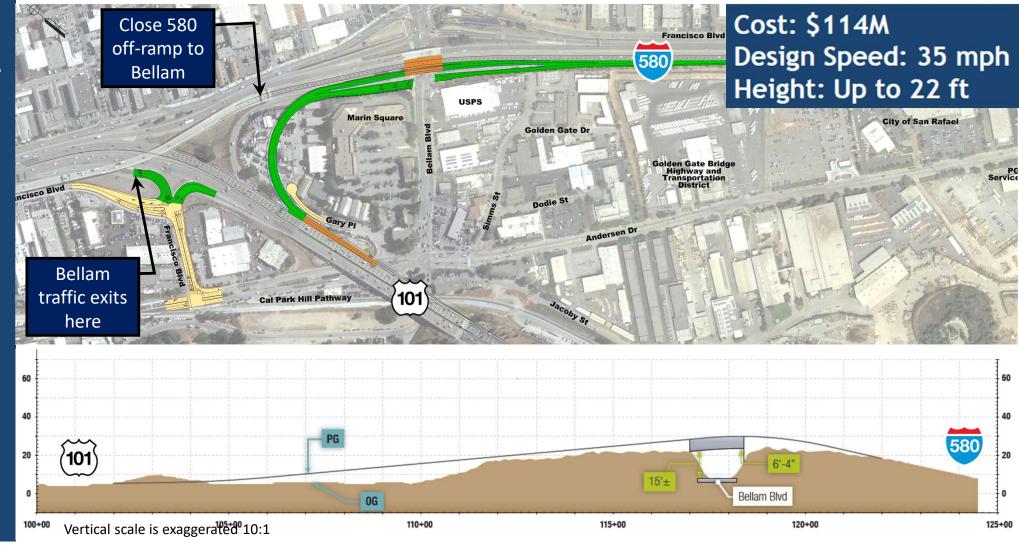
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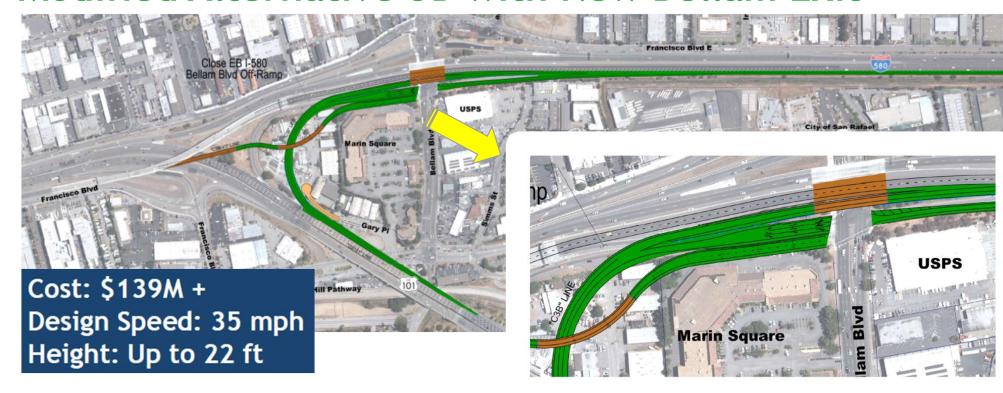
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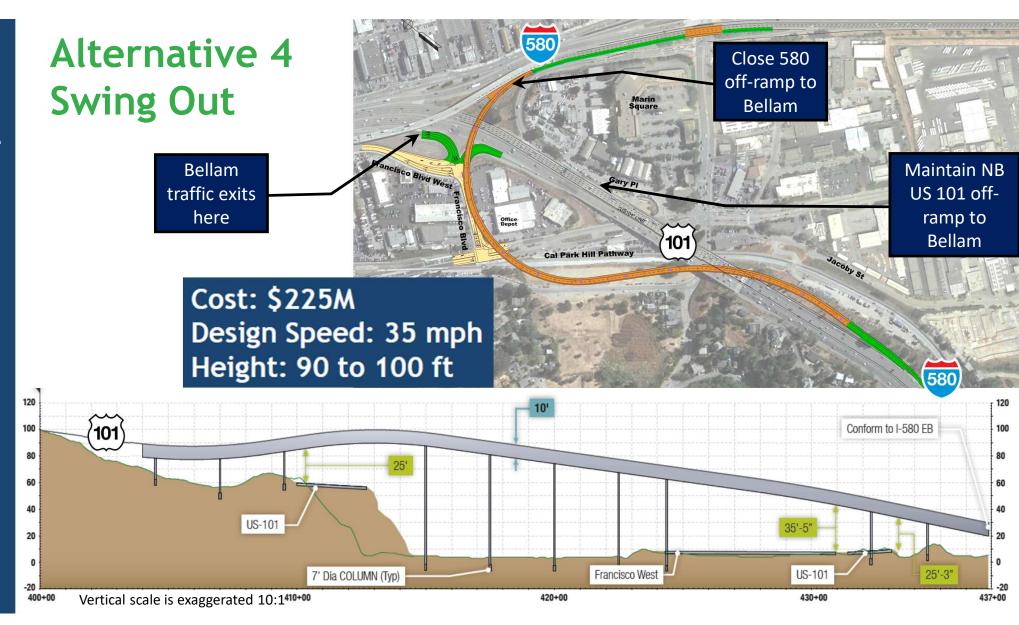


## Alternative 3B - Low Speed B



#### Modified Alternative 3B with New Bellam Exit





**Alternative 5 - Marin Square** 



## Alternative 6 - Andersen Dr Mid-Way



## Public Comment

#### **Public Comment**

#### **Comments from Members of the Public**

- Raise hand if you have a comment
- Host will call on you and unmute you
- Please keep your comments to 3 minutes

- 1. What are your highest priorities for the project?
- 2. Which alternatives would you drop from further consideration?
- 3. What are your reasons for keeping or dropping an alternative?

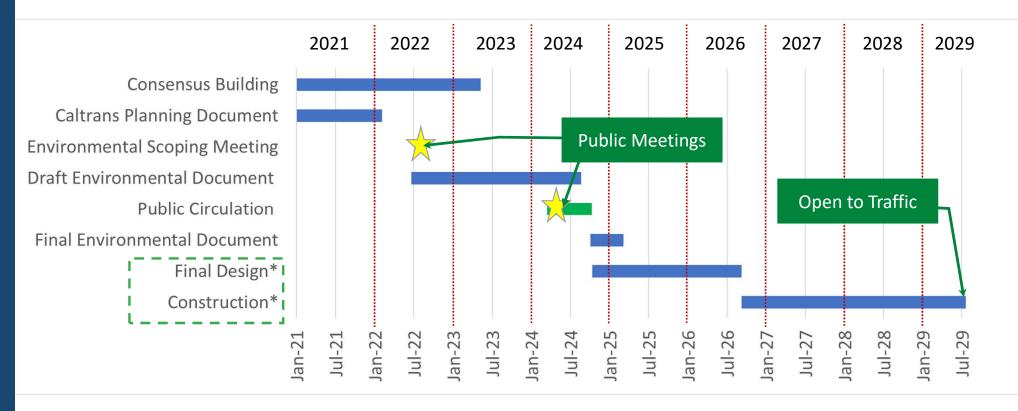
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## **Next Steps and Timeline**

#### **Team Activities**

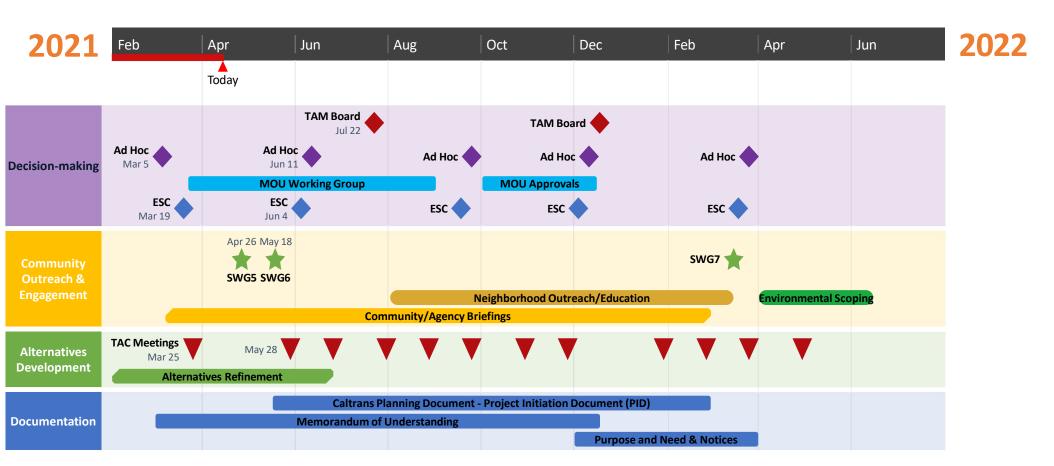
- Continue coordination with city leadership and technical advisory committee
- Develop recommendations for Executive Steering Committee, Ad Hoc Committee, and TAM Board
- Prepare Project Initiation Document for Caltrans review
- Continue to meet with organizations and groups for information and input
- Initiate neighborhood education and capacity building

## Targeted Project Schedule



<sup>\*</sup> Pending Available Funding

## TAM 101-580 Near-term Planning Roadmap



### **SWG Member Discussion**

#### **Clarifying Questions**

Next steps and near-term timeline

#### **Contact Information**

- Send questions and comments:
  - Molly Graham, <u>Marin101-580@tam.ca.gov</u>
- Project website:
  - www.Marin101-580.com

# Thank You for Your Participation