

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 traffic circulation and bicycle/pedestrian connections along Bellam Boulevard in San Rafael.

No such highway connection exists today. Drivers on northbound US 101 must exit the highway and drive on East Sir Francis Drake Boulevard or cross Bellam 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 and local streets.

Project Goals

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

- Build a new freeway-to-freeway connection between northbound US 101 and eastbound 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 local access to bicycle and pedestrian pathways within the project area.



Currently, to take a more direct route to eastbound I-580 and the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, northbound traffic on US 101 must use Sir Francis Drake Boulevard.

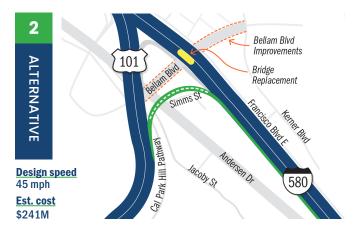
- Promote equity for all users, particularly members of the underrepresented communities within the project area.
- Consider construction of a westbound I-580 to southbound US 101 connector for a future project.

Preliminary Project Timeline

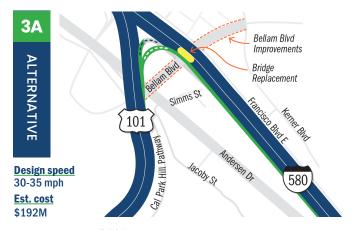
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Current Status

In December 2021, the TAM Board of Commissioners approved **four possible project alternatives** and a no-build alternative to study further in the environmental review phase. These alternatives were selected from a list of nine initial alternatives. Each alternative provides a direct freeway-to-freeway connector between northbound US 101 and eastbound I-580 to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge as well as local street improvements on Bellam Boulevard.



Drivers would exit US 101 northbound between the top of Cal Park Hill and the Bellam Boulevard off-ramp. The connector would be an elevated structure that crosses Andersen Drive and follows the alignment of Simms Street before merging with I-580 eastbound.

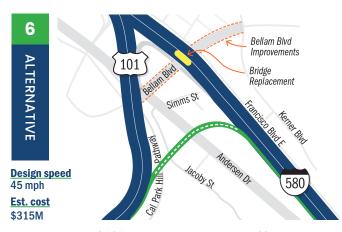


Drivers would exit US 101 northbound near Bellam Boulevard and merge onto I-580 eastbound on a connector that crosses over the existing off-ramp.

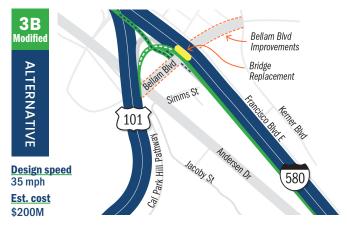
How to Get Involved

TAM and its project partners welcome your input and feedback. Here's how to get involved:

- Visit our website for more information.
- Send a request to Marin101-580@tam.ca.gov to get added to our email list.
- Attend a public meeting. Dates will be posted on our website and circulated to the project email list.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.



Drivers would exit US 101 northbound between the top of Cal Park Hill and the Bellam Boulevard off-ramp. The connector would be an elevated structure that crosses over Jacoby Street, Andersen Drive, and the Golden Gate Bridge Highway & Transportation District bus yard before merging with I-580 eastbound.



Drivers would exit US 101 northbound on a separate lane near Bellam Boulevard and merge onto I-580. The off-ramp from eastbound I-580 to Bellam Boulevard would be replaced with a new, separated off-ramp.

Current Project Funding

Regional Measure 3\$135,000,000

Local Project Funding\$16,500,000

Marin County 1/2-Cent Transportation Sales Tax (Measure AA) provides funds to expedite project planning and fund local enhancements

Note: The information in this fact sheet is subject change.









