

US 101/I-580 Multi-Modal and Local Access Improvement Project

September 2024

The Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) is planning a new project to improve traffic flow and reduce back-ups on northbound US 101 and Bellam Boulevard ramps by improving Bellam Boulevard and potentially separating regional pass-through traffic from local traffic on a new freeway-to-freeway connector.

Currently, drivers who wish to access the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (I-580) from northbound US 101 in Larkspur must either exit the freeway and travel on East Sir Francis Drake Boulevard in Larkspur, or exit the freeway at Bellam Boulevard in San Rafael.

The proposed improvements would enhance traffic circulation and improve transit connections and connectivity for bicycles and pedestrians. The project will also include transit, bike and pedestrian improvements, landscaping and streetscape beautification on Bellam Boulevard.

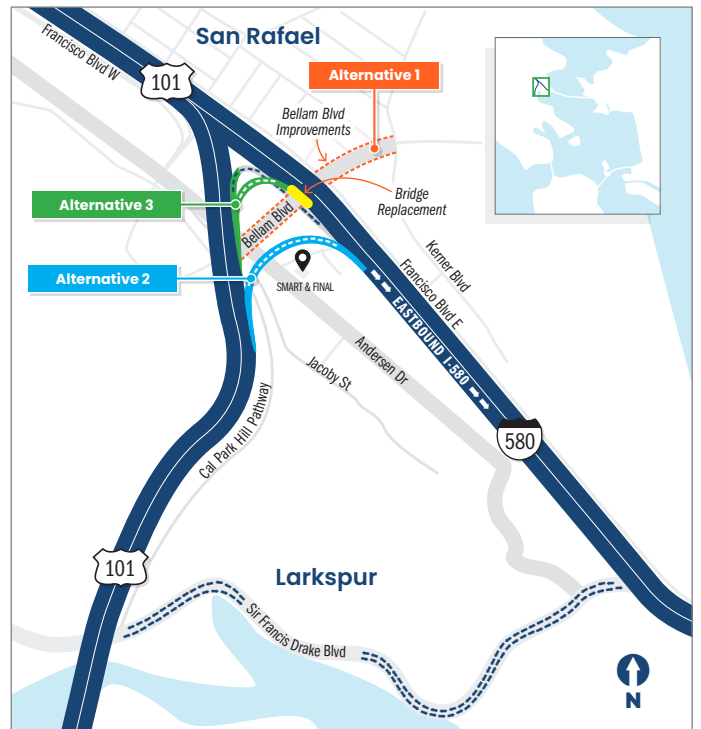


Purpose of the Project

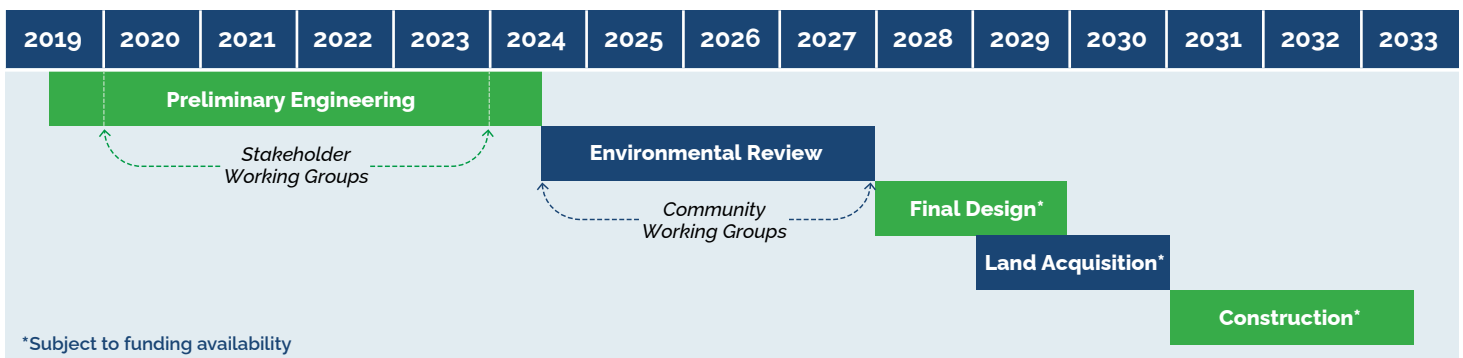
- Improve regional connectivity between NB US 101 and EB I-580
- Improve traffic operations on local streets
- Enhance the active transportation (bicycle and pedestrian) network and improve bicycle and pedestrian safety within the community
- Improve transit access and travel times on the Bellam Boulevard corridor
- Support economic prosperity by providing better and more reliable access to local businesses.
- Improve community cohesion by enhancing local connectivity to work, school and businesses for disadvantaged communities near the project area

Need for the Project

- Lack of connectivity
- Deficient traffic operations
- Limited bicycle and pedestrian facilities
- Absent transit links



Preliminary Project Timeline



Current Status

TAM has approved **three alternatives**, plus a no-build alternative, to study further in the environmental review phase. These three alternatives were selected from a list of nine initial alternatives.

Each proposed alternative will reduce travel times between northbound US 101 and eastbound I-580 to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge for regional traffic and improve travel times, local access, and connectivity for residents, businesses, transit riders, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

All alternatives will include Bellam Boulevard corridor improvements.

How to Get Involved

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

- + Visit www.marin101-580.com for more information.
- + To be added to our email list send a request to info@Marin101-580.com
- + Attend a public meeting. Dates will be posted on www.marin101-580.com and circulated to the project email list.

Current Project Funding

This project received voter support for funding in the local Marin 1/2-Cent Transportation Sales Tax, Measure AA, renewed in 2018. The project is also included in Regional Measure 3 (toll-bridge funds), which was approved by voters in June 2018. It is anticipated additional funding will be needed to fully fund the construction of the project.



This alternative will study traffic, bicycle, and pedestrian improvements in the Bellam corridor with no direct connector.



SPEED
45mph
EST. COST
\$241M

Drivers exit from US 101 northbound between Cal Park Hill and Bellam Blvd. A new bridge structure will cross Andersen Drive before merging with I-580 eastbound.



SPEED
35mph
EST. COST
\$192M

Drivers exit from US 101 northbound near Bellam Boulevard, cross over the existing northbound US 101/eastbound I-580 off-ramp, and merge onto I-580 eastbound.