



CORRIDOR PROGRESS

SOLANO AREA PROJECTS ADVANCE

NORTH CONNECTOR PROJECT

To relieve traffic congestion and provide local motorists in Fairfield, the Suisun Valley and Green Valley a practical alternative to using I-80 for trips, the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), the City of Fairfield, and Solano County are planning a new arterial roadway between SR 12 West at Red Top Road and Abernathy Road. The project is intended to encourage local traffic to use local roadways to travel in this area. The project also aims to close gaps in the local circulation network providing a means by which local traffic can avoid traveling on I-80.



Proposed North Connector east of Fairfield Linear Park path

In order to provide a more comprehensive review of potential environmental impacts and mitigation measures, the STA Board has approved expanding the scope of environmental study to an Environmental Impact Report. This will provide additional opportunity for the public to comment on the project. (See inside for further information on the project.) The draft environmental document for the North Connector Project is expected to be released for public review and comment in July 2007.

Once approved, the project will be built in phases beginning with the east end in 2009.

STA BOARD ACTIONS & PROJECT MILESTONES

February 2007

- Board approved \$7 million in funding for SR 12 Jameson Canyon
- SR 12 Jameson Canyon received \$74 million from the infrastructure bonds approved by voters in November 2006
- I-80 HOV Lanes Project received \$56 million in funding from the voter approved infrastructure bonds passed in November 2006

March 2007

- Caltrans and STA approved CEQA document for the I-80 HOV Lanes Project (see inside for more details)
- Board approved preparation of Environmental Impact Report for the North Connector Project
- Board recommended two alternatives for the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project be carried forward to detailed environmental study

April 2007

- STA and Caltrans hosted an Informational Open House on the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Project on April 25 at Rodriguez High School



BENICIA - MARTINEZ BRIDGE WILL OPEN SOON

Caltrans is scheduled to open the new Benicia-Martinez Bridge to motorists in fall 2007. The new bridge will include five northbound lanes, four southbound lanes, reconstructed interchanges to the north and south of the bridge, and an expanded toll plaza. Carrying over 100,000 motorists daily, the new bridge will improve the backup, but will add significant traffic along the I-680 corridor in Contra Costa County between the Benicia-Martinez Bridge and the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange. This will increase the need for accelerating improvements to the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NORTH CONNECTOR PROJECT

WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO PROTECT AGRICULTURAL LAND IN THE AREA?

The Project will be acquiring some agricultural parcels to construct the North Connector. The roadway has been designed to reduce impact on agricultural land by moving the roadway as close to I-80 as possible.

WHAT STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN TO IMPROVE ACCESS FOR BICYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS?

The Project will include a multiuse path along the east end between Abernathy Road and Suisun Creek which will provide bicyclists and pedestrians access to Solano Community College. In addition, the future signalized intersection of SR 12 West at Red Top Road and the North Connector will provide bicyclists and pedestrians with a safe way to cross SR 12 West.



HOW WILL THIS PROJECT IMPROVE LOCAL TRAFFIC AND REDUCE CONGESTION ON I-80?

The North Connector is designed to provide a way for local traffic including residents and employees of local businesses to avoid traveling on I-80. This will provide congestion relief on I-80 and reduce travel times for local trips.



Proposed Red Top Road Intersection

WHAT IS THE TIMING OF THE WEST END OF THE PROJECT AND HOW WILL THAT AFFECT LOCAL TRAFFIC?

The west end of the North Connector is currently scheduled to be completed by 2016. The STA is working closely with the City of Fairfield and Solano County to secure funding.

SOLANO TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS UPDATE

CORDELIA TRUCK SCALES RELOCATION STUDY

OBJECTIVE: Relocate and redesign the truck scales to accommodate more trucks in order to reduce congestion, improve safety, and minimize conflicts between cars and trucks.

KEY ELEMENTS: Build replacement scales and inspection facilities approximately one half mile east of their current location.

STATUS: STA, Caltrans, and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) initiated the Cordelia Truck Scales Relocation Study as part of the Interchange Project. The study was completed in February 2005. The replacement scales and inspection facilities (approximately one-half mile to the east) are being evaluated in the I-80/I-680/SR 12 Interchange Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.

TOTAL PROJECT COST: \$200 million.



SR 12 JAMESON CANYON ROAD WIDENING PROJECT

OBJECTIVE: Increase mobility and improve safety by converting SR 12 from two to four lanes between I-80 (Solano County) and SR 29 (Napa County).

STATUS: Currently in environmental review.



SR 12 WEST TRUCK CLIMBING LANE PROJECT



OBJECTIVE: Improve traffic operations on I-80 created by trucks waiting to exit to SR 12 by constructing a truck climbing lane from I-80 to west of Red Top Road.

STATUS: Currently in the final design. Construction is anticipated

to begin in Summer 2008.

I-80 HOV LANES PROJECT UPDATE

The addition of 8.7 miles of High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes in both directions in the median from Red Top Road to Airbase Parkway is expected to reduce congestion, promote ride-sharing, and benefit local and regional transit service.

An Initial Study/proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) was released for public review and comment on December 29th, 2006. The public comment period closed on February 1st, 2007. Caltrans, as the lead agency, and the STA Board, as the Responsible Agency, approved the MND. Federal Highway Administration approved the IS on April 9, 2007.

Construction of the HOV Lanes Project is scheduled to begin in the Summer of 2008 with project completion scheduled for Fall 2009.

HOW WILL THESE HOV LANES IMPROVE TRAVEL TIMES ALONG I-80?

Studies have determined that approximately 24 percent of the cars traveling during the peak-hour traffic along this section of I-80 already carry two or more passengers, and by 2030, this number is expected to increase to 27 percent. HOV lanes in both eastbound and westbound direction will provide an effective alternative mode of transportation to single occupancy vehicles and reduce travel times for all motorists.



WILL THESE HOV LANES BE NEWLY CONSTRUCTED LANES ON I-80?

The new HOV Lanes will be added in the median of the existing road. Construction will involve widening I-80 in some sections.

WITHOUT ADDITIONAL HOV LANES ON I-80, THE BOTTLENECKS ARE JUST BEING MOVED. WILL ADDITIONAL HOV LANES BE PROVIDED?

Yes. As part of the Solano Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP 2030), the STA intends to close the gaps in the HOV lane network. As noted in the CTP 2030, HOV lanes and HOV lane connectors are planned for I-80 on the following segments:

- I-680 to I-80 HOV direct connectors
- HOV lanes from Air Base Parkway to I-505
- HOV lanes from Carquinez Bridge to SR 37

PROJECT OVERVIEW MAP

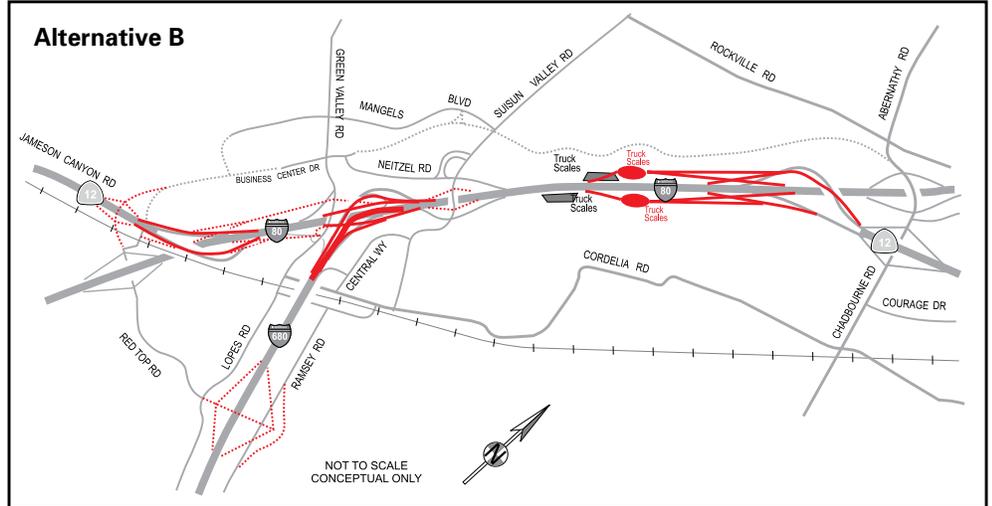


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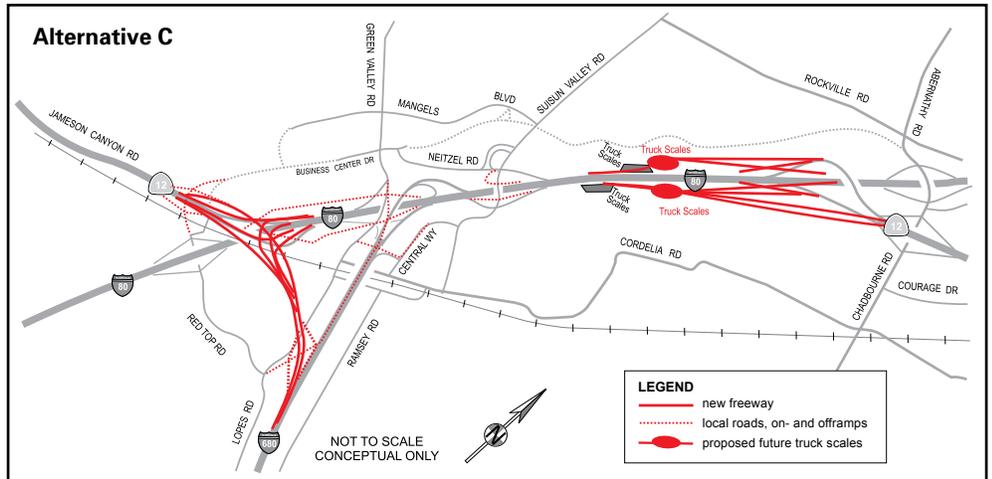
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ALTERNATIVES MOVING FORWARD

Over the last several years, STA, Caltrans, traffic engineers and consultants have been evaluating a variety of design alternatives for the Interchange. In March 2007, the STA board recommended two alternatives, referred to as Alternative B and C, for further environmental study.

In the coming months as part of the environmental review process, these alternatives will be studied in more detail to more accurately define their potential impacts to the environment. The alternatives are subject to refinement as environmental studies proceed.



I-80/I-680/SR 12 INTERCHANGE ALTERNATIVES



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