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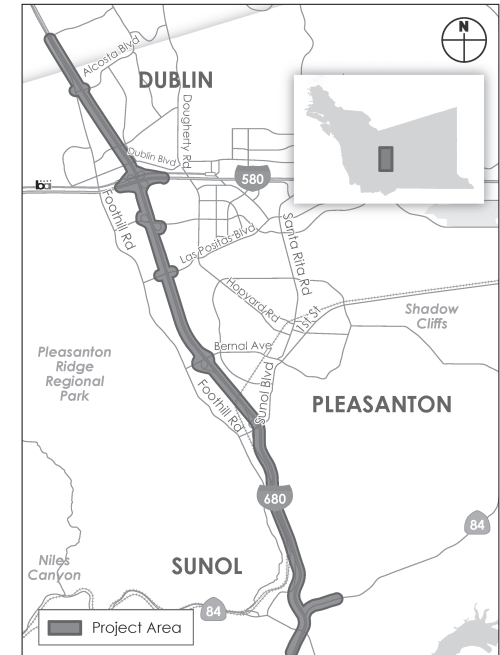
Notice of Availability of Draft Initial Study (IS)/Environmental Assessment (EA) and Notice of Virtual Open House for the Interstate 680 (I-680) Express Lanes from State Route 84 (SR 84) to Alcosta Boulevard Project

WHAT'S BEING PLANNED

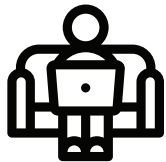
The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in cooperation with the Alameda County Transportation Commission (Alameda CTC), proposes to construct High Occupancy Vehicle/express lanes (HOV/express lanes) on northbound and southbound I-680 from SR 84 (Vallecitos Road) in Alameda County to north of Alcosta Boulevard in Contra Costa County. HOV/express lanes are specially designated lanes that are free for vehicles with two or more occupants, motorcycles, and certain alternative fuel vehicles; they also provide single-occupant vehicles (SOVs) the option to pay a toll to use the lane. HOV/express lanes exist or are under construction on I-680 to the north and south of the proposed project area.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Caltrans has prepared a draft Initial Study (IS)/Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project. The draft IS/EA describes and evaluates the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project.

Project-level conformity analysis shows that the project will conform to the State Implementation Plan, including localized impact analysis with interagency consultation for particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) required by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 93.116 and 93.123. This project is not considered a project of concern regarding PM_{2.5} as defined in 40 CFR 93.123(b)(1). A detailed PM_{2.5} hot-spot analysis was not completed because Clean Air Act and 40 CFR 93.116 requirements are satisfied without an explicit hot-spot analysis. The proposed project comes from a conforming Regional Transportation Plan and Transportation Improvement Program. Comments are requested on the project-level conformity analysis included in the IS/EA.



WHERE YOU COME IN



Attend a virtual open house.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual livestreamed open house will be held to protect public health. The livestreamed event will be held on Thursday, June 18, 2020, at 6 PM. The presentation will begin with an overview of the project and discuss the environmental process,

followed by a question and answer session where attendees can submit questions via online chat. Attendance at the virtual open house is not required to comment on the draft IS/EA.

Please see www.alamedactc.org/680gapclosure or call Stephanie Sandoval at 510-558-8825 ext. 119 for more information.

Visit the project web page.

Please visit the project web page at www.alamedactc.org/680gapclosure to view a presentation and informational exhibits about the project and the IS/EA.

Share your comments.

Please submit comments in writing to:



Caltrans District 4
Attn: Brian Gassner
111 Grand Avenue MS 8B
Oakland, CA 94612



or via email to ALA680expresslanes@dot.ca.gov.

Comments must be received by 5 PM on June 30, 2020.

What's Available



The draft IS/EA can be viewed online at www.alamedactc.org/680gapclosure and at <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-4/d4-popular-links/d4-environmental-docs>. Printed copies are available upon request to Brian Gassner, 510-286-6025 (voice) or e-mail at ALA680expresslanes@dot.ca.gov.



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