January 15, 2019 Open Forum Hearing

Welcome to Tonight's Forum

- **Project Milestone: Release of Draft Environmental Document** $\rangle\rangle$
- Bring Together Project sponsors (Caltrans & Alameda CTC) and you $\rangle\rangle$
- Introduce Project Need, History, Design and Environmental Results $\rangle\rangle$
- Facilitate Interaction with the Project Team (Engineering, Design Real **>> Estate and Environmental)**
- **Solicit Feedback, Comments and Questions >>**













Project Purpose

- **Improve Safety for All Modes of Transportation. >>**
- Simplify and Improve the Navigation, Mobility, and Traffic Operations at **>>** the I-80/Gilman Street Interchange.
- Reduce Congestion, Vehicle Queues and Conflicts at the I-80/Gilman $\rangle\rangle$ **Street Interchange.**
- Improve Local and Regional Bicycle Connections and Pedestrian Facilities **>>** through the I-80/Gilman Street Interchange.



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Project History

1998-2014: Numerous Studies Concluded: **>>**

- Signalization, Stop Signs and Diamond Interchange would Fail $\rangle\rangle$
- **Only Workable Solution is Roundabouts** >>
- **October 2014: Caltrans Approval of PSR/PDS >>**
- Fall 2015: Conceptual Design/Environmental Studies Begins $\rangle\rangle$
- **October 2017: Stakeholder Working Group Formed >>**
- **December 2018: Environmental Document Released >>** (Comments due February 5)
- » 2016-2019: Ongoing Outreach
 - **Open Houses, Berkeley Transportation Commission, Stakeholder Meetings >>**



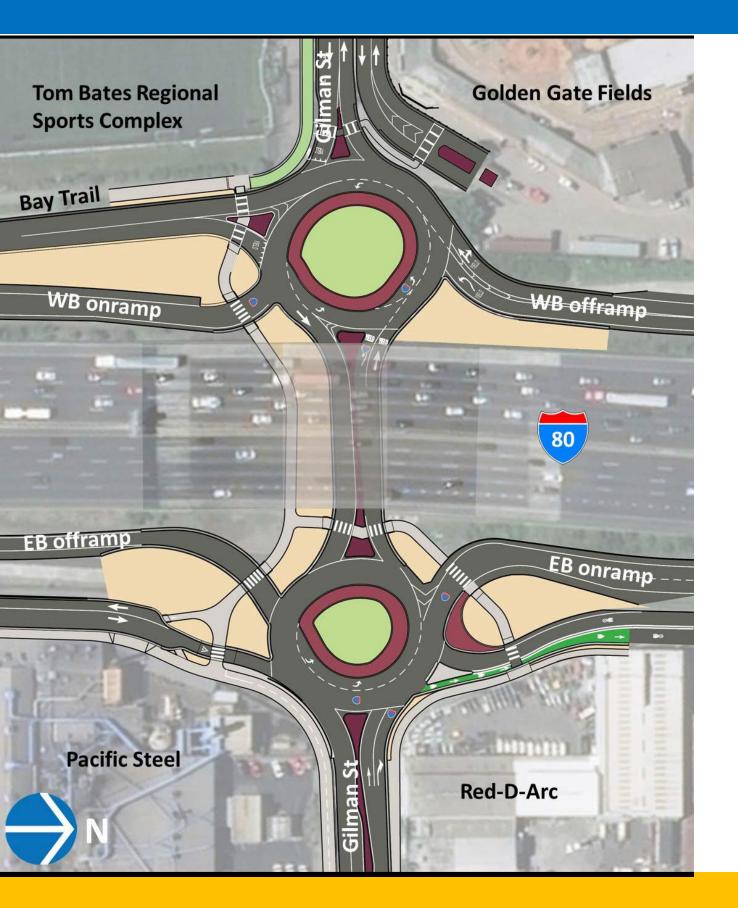








Overview of Roundabouts



- » Two Roundabouts » Sidewalk and at-grade crossings through interchange
- » Landscaping in and around **both roundabouts**
- » Roundabouts designed to accommodate all tractorsemitrailors

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Roundabout Visual Simulation

Eastern Roundabout viewed from northwest near Golden Gate Fields



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Other Project Design Elements

» Multi-Modal Improvements

- » Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing over I-80
- » Bicycle and Pedestrian Path Through I-80
 Undercrossing
- Two-way Cycle Track on Gilman from
 East Roundabout To New Signal at
 Fourth Street
- » Bike Improvements from Gilman /
 Fourth Street to Codornices Creek
- » Bay Trail Gap Closure at Foot
 of Gilman Street



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Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing

Visual simulation from Interstate 80 Eastbound looking north



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Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing

Visual simulation from Bay Trail southwest of Gilman Street



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New Paving, Enhanced Streetscape and Signage



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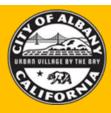
Visual simulation of Second Street looking north from Gilman

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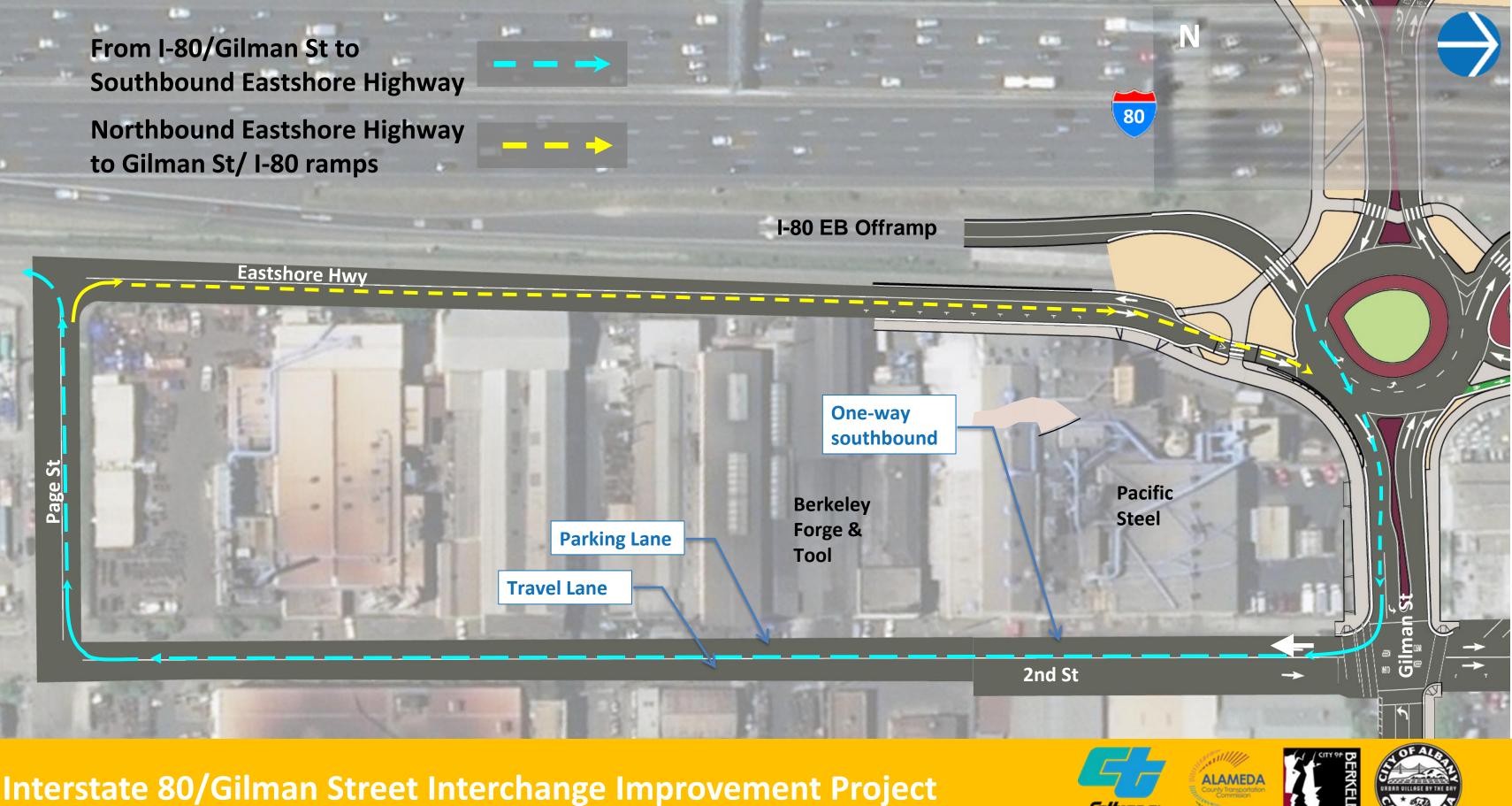








Change in Vehicular Access Southbound



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Travel Paths Through Roundabouts

From Gilman St to I-80 West

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From Gilman St To Golden Gate Fields and Eastshore State Park

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Gilman St





Travel Paths Through Roundabouts

From Eastshore State Park to I-80 East

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From West Frontage Road south Gilman **Street to I-80 East**

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Gilman St

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Travel Paths Through Roundabouts

From I-80 East to Gilman Street

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Travel Paths Through Roundabouts

From I-80 West to Gilman Street

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Results of Environmental Analysis

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Joint Document: Initial Study (IS) with Proposed Negative Declaration / **Environmental Assessment (EA)**

- **No Impacts Related To: >>** \rangle **Aesthetics Related To: >> Farmland/Timberlands >> Air Quality >> Biological Resources** >> **Cultural Resources >>** Land Use And Planning >> **Geology And Soils >> Mineral Resources** >> **>> Population And Housing** >> **>> Public Services >>** Noise **>> Recreation**
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 - \rightarrow **Resources**

Cumulative >>

Growth

Transportation/Traffic

Wild and Scenic Rivers

Tribal Cultural Resources

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Less Than Significant Impacts

Hazards And Hazardous Materials

Hydrology And Water Quality

Utilities/Service Systems

No Significant Impacts For Any









Forum Structure and Features

Main Community Room: 9 Project Stations

- » Why, What, When And How Of Project
- » Discuss Station Topics with Project Team Members
- » Video Simulations Of Project Elements
- » Submission of Written Comments

Forum Annex

- » Video Simulations Of Project Elements
- » Submission of Written Comments
- » Court-recorded Verbal Comments
- » Off-line Discussion

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Station Topics

- **1**. Welcome & Sign-In
- 2. Project Funding, Purpose & Need
- 3. Introduction to and Benefits of **Roundabouts**
- 4. Project Design
 - Roundabouts **>>**
 - **Pedestrian/Bicycle Overcrossing** $\rangle\rangle$
 - **Bicycle Facilities** >>

- 7. Right of Way Process
- 9. How can I get Involved?

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5. Environmental Review Process **6.** Technical Studies and Findings **8. Project Timeline and Milestones**









Comments and Next Steps

Environmental Review Process

- » Comments taken until February 5th
- » Comments should focus on adequacy of environmental analysis
- » Responses to comments will appear in Final NEPA Document
- » Environmental certification expected Summer 2019

Project Next Steps

- » Final Project Designs in Spring 2020
- » Construction to Begin late 2020/Early 2021
- » Estimated Project Completion in Summer 2023

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