

# I-680/NORRIS CANYON

## HOV DIRECT RAMPS PROJECT

### WHAT IS THE NORRIS CANYON HOV PROJECT?

The Norris Canyon HOV Project is part of a regional plan to improve mobility in the I-680 corridor. Funded by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority Measure J Expenditure Plan, the project will bring High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane access to residents of San Ramon. HOVs include buses, carpools and vanpools.

### WHY HOV?

The goal of the proposed Norris Canyon HOV Project is to provide several improvements to our existing transportation infrastructure, including:

- Direct access for transit vehicles and HOVs to and from San Ramon destinations, including the San Ramon Transit Center
- Reduced weaving across multiple freeway lanes by transit vehicles and HOVs entering or exiting the freeway
- Improved travel times for transit vehicles and HOVs
- Improved local and regional transit/HOV links
- Project is consistent with local and regional transportation plans and planned HOV improvements in the I-680 corridor

**Let's Get Involved!**



### SCOPING MEETING

Held Nov. 29

### WORKSHOP 1

- Project and process overview
- Information on comments received and how they will be addressed

### WORKSHOP 2

- Issues of concern to address
- Technical report information
- Findings on areas of concern
- Alternatives

### ONGOING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Spring 2010

Fall 2011

Spring 2012

Fall 2012

### ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

#### PROJECT STUDY REPORT

An engineering planning document that confirms the scope, schedule and estimated cost of a project.

A Project Study Report (PSR) does not approve a project for construction.

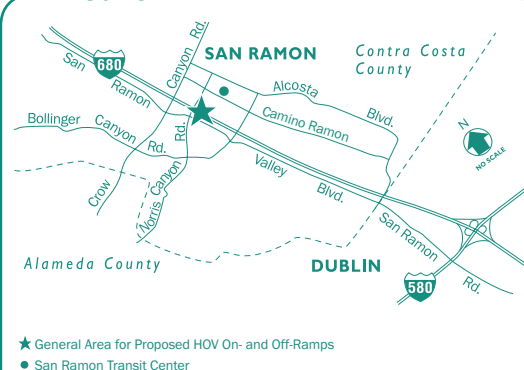
#### PROJECT SCOPING

A public process where agencies and the public are invited to help identify the range of issues to be considered in an environmental document for a proposed project. Scoping does not result in the ultimate decision about a project or selection of an alternative.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL STUDIES

The various studies undertaken as part of the environmental review process to address issues such as traffic, environment and project alternatives. The period of environmental technical studies for the Norris Canyon HOV Project will continue until the Draft ED is published for public review in spring 2013. The results of these studies are incorporated into the Draft and Final ED.

### PROJECT AREA:



### HOW DOES THE PROCESS WORK?

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) is project sponsor for the environmental process. The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is the lead agency for the Environmental Document, and the City of San Ramon is a supporting partner agency. Together, they completed a Project Study Report (PSR) for the Norris Canyon HOV Project in March 2010. A PSR does not approve a project for construction. A project scoping meeting was held in November 2011 to provide information about the proposed project and receive public input on the issues to study during the environmental process.

The next steps in the process involve conducting environmental technical studies and preparing a Draft Environmental Document (ED) for public review in spring 2013. A Final ED is anticipated to be published in summer 2013. Following approval of the Environmental Document and project design, construction of the estimated \$102 Million project would take place from winter 2016 to fall 2017, pending funding availability.

### WORKSHOP 3

- Explore project alternatives
- Prepare for Draft ED



### PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD

Public review of the Draft ED for the Project will last approximately **45 days**. During this time, members of the public are encouraged to review the Draft ED and submit written comments.

### PUBLIC MEETING

A public hearing to discuss the Draft ED will be held during the public review period, allowing time for additional public comments to be submitted prior to publishing the Final ED.

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#### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

Conducting an open and transparent process that provides multiple opportunities for community involvement is a key goal of the project. Members of the public are encouraged to participate during a series of three public workshops to be held over the next year.

The purpose of these workshops will be for community members to learn more about the proposed project and environmental review process, provide an opportunity to give feedback about issues of concern, and discuss potential alternatives to be studied. The first workshop is being planned for spring 2012, followed by workshops in fall 2012 and winter 2013.

#### WHERE CAN I GO FOR MORE INFORMATION?

Call the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA): **(925) 256-4700**

Go to: **[www.ccta.net](http://www.ccta.net)**

Email: **[norriscanyonhovproject@gmail.com](mailto:norriscanyonhovproject@gmail.com)** to ask questions, request information, or be added to our project mailing list.



### ONGOING COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Winter 2013

Spring/Summer 2013

Summer/Fall 2013

### ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS

#### ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICAL STUDIES

#### KEY ISSUES TO ADDRESS:



HOV/  
Transit



Bike &  
Pedestrian  
Safety



Environment



Project  
Alternatives



Traffic

#### DRAFT ED

The purpose of the Draft Environmental Document (ED) is to identify and analyze any environmental impacts that may result from the alternatives, including impacts to traffic, air quality and noise; whether they are potentially adverse or beneficial, and allow for the public to review and comment on the document. Measures to mitigate adverse environmental impacts are also studied in the Draft ED.

#### PUBLIC/AGENCY REVIEW OF DRAFT ED

Comments received after the Public Meeting or during the Public Review Period are analyzed and incorporated into the Draft ED.

#### FINAL ED

After the public comment period for the Draft ED, the next step is to prepare the Final ED. The Final ED addresses and responds to all of the comments received on the Draft ED.

In addition, the Final ED must also define the "Preferred Alternative" that the lead agency recommends among all the alternatives considered. The chosen alternative is the one that meets the project's purpose and need.



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