

Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives

Proposed Project Background/Need:

The 1997 Fort Ord Reuse Plan identified Eastside Road as a facility within the on-site portion of the Fort Ord transportation network for the mitigation of the reuse of Fort Ord. Since FORA's first CIP (2001-2), Eastside Road has been included as a future "on-site" transportation facility. In 2010, Monterey County staff suggested renaming Eastside Road to Eastside Parkway and plan line studies were prepared to avoid impacts to CSUMB circulation.

The most recent 2017 Fee Reallocation Study prepared by TAMC, in coordination with FORA, included Eastside Parkway as an important part of the FORA CIP, modeled to accommodate 18,586 average daily trips. The Study concluded that the transportation network in the FORA CIP would provide sufficient roadway improvements for the approved reuse of Fort Ord. The Study results for a "No Build" scenario shows that, by 2035, if FORA does not complete the FORA CIP transportation projects, seven of the existing roadways in the current FORA project list will operate at deficient levels of service (LOS) E or F. These results demonstrated that the FORA CIP projects provide measurable improvement to the roadway network to address future development-related transportation deficiencies.

Proposed Project Goals and Objectives:

The purpose of the proposed project is to make improvements to the on-site former Fort Ord transportation system necessary to reduce future traffic congestion along Highway 1, 12th Street (now Imjin Parkway), Blanco Road, and the Del Monte/2nd/General Jim Moore Boulevard corridor while maintaining valued recreational, cultural, and natural resources, consistent with the Reuse Plan FEIR and Development and Resource Management Plan (BRP Vol.1, pg. 119, pgs.194-203, BRP Vol.2 pg. 295 and pg. 298). The primary objectives for implementing the proposed project are:

- Provide a primary southwest-northeast corridor through former Fort Ord, while maintaining an acceptable level of service throughout the FORA CIP roadway network with the implementation of the approved reuse of Fort Ord (BRP Vol.1 pg. 119, BRP Vol.2 pg. 297-298, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Improve and provide efficient regional travel and access to the former Fort Ord, reducing travel time and distances and associated traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution emissions (BRP Vol. 2 pg. 298, Commercial Land Use Objective E and program E-1.1, pg. 261, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 21, 44, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Serve the area immediately south of CSUMB campus (BRP Vol.2 pg. 295).

- Avoid bisecting CSUMB Campus (BRP Vol.2 Institutional Land Use Program A-1.4 on pg. 278, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 76).
- De-emphasize Inter-Garrison Road as a major vehicular route with greater emphasis placed on pedestrian and bicycle traffic (BRP Vol.2 pg. 295).
- Provide direct and efficient linkages from former Fort Ord lands to the regional transportation system (BRP Vol.2 Objective B, pg. 299, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 44, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Provide a safe and efficient street system at the former Fort Ord (BRP Vol.2 Objective C, pg. 299, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 74, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Connect the Fort Ord National Monument and California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery to regional roadways (BRP Vol.2 Objective A, pg. 298 and Recreation Policy A-1, pg. 327, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 7, 44, 53, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Design the project to respect and integrate natural resources by minimizing impacts to coast live oak woodland, special-status species, and wildlife corridors (BRP Vol.2 Recreational/Open Space Objective A, pg. 263, Biological Resources Objective C, pg. 363, Biological Resources Policy C-2, pg. 383, and Recreation Policy C-1, pg. 328, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 4, 12, 34, 44, 49, 59, 84, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Maintain the aesthetic character of the area by avoiding or minimizing impacts from grading to major topographical features such as drainages, steep slopes, and scenic viewsheds (BRP Vol.2 Biological Resources Objective C, pg. 363, and Biological Resources Policy C-1, pg. 383, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 59, 70, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Minimize noise impacts adjacent to sensitive receptors (Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 77).
- Consider the safety of residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, and wildlife through various project design features by:
 - Providing dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facilities (BRP Vol.2 Commercial Land Use Policy E-2 and program E-2.2, pg.261 and Pedestrian and Bicycles Objectives A and B, pg. 308, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 8, 21, 77, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments);

- Considering Regional Urban Design Guidelines for complete street design features (BRP Vol.1 pg. 61, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 34); and
- Implementing design features to minimize impacts to wildlife movement (BRP Vol.1 pg. 128, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 53, 58, 71, 77, 78, 84, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Protect designated habitat management areas from potential roadway edge effects by applying suitable buffers and project design features (BRP Vol.2 Biological Resources Objective C, pg. 363, and Biological Resources Policy C-3, pg. 384, Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 71, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Minimize environmental impacts on existing communities, including, but not limited to CSUMB campus, City of Seaside, City of Marina, City of Del Rey Oaks, City of Monterey, MPC, and East Garrison (Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments pg. 4, 24 49, 58, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).
- Accommodate and maintain existing and proposed trail networks, including, but not limited to, the Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway and other regional trails (Attachment B, Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives Written Public Comments, pgs. 3, 8, 44, 47, 50, 53, 59, Attachment C, Summary of December 6, 2017 Spoken Public Comments).

