

MST SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project Scoping and Information Meeting

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SURF! Introductions

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SURF! Presentation Outline

- Purpose of the Meeting
- Project Background and Overview
- CEQA and the Environmental Review Process
- Concurrent NEPA Review
- Key Subjects/Issues Anticipated for the EIR
- Opportunity for Public and Agency Input
- Next Steps





Purpose of the Meeting

What is "scoping"?

- To brief LandWatch on the project and environmental review process
- Encourages agency/community input about the scope, or contents of the Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Expands public/community outreach



SURF! Project Background

- Project uses a portion of the old Southern Pacific Railroad Monterey Branch Line (MBL)
- Transportation corridor since 1880
- MBL purchased by TAMC in 2003
- Light rail options considered in 2010-2011
- 2018 feasibility study evaluated highway bus-onshoulder and bus within MBL options
- Supported by Monterey County voters with passage of Measure X in 2016
- Project leverages local and federal funding



SURF! Project Highlights

- Approximately 6 miles total length
- Marina Transit Exchange to Sand City
- Plans for electric/zero emission vehicles
- Provides congestion relief and connectivity
- New Transit Station at 5th Street
- Reduces VMT
- Retains rail for future use



SURF! Project Location











Project Limits

Project Area

City Limits







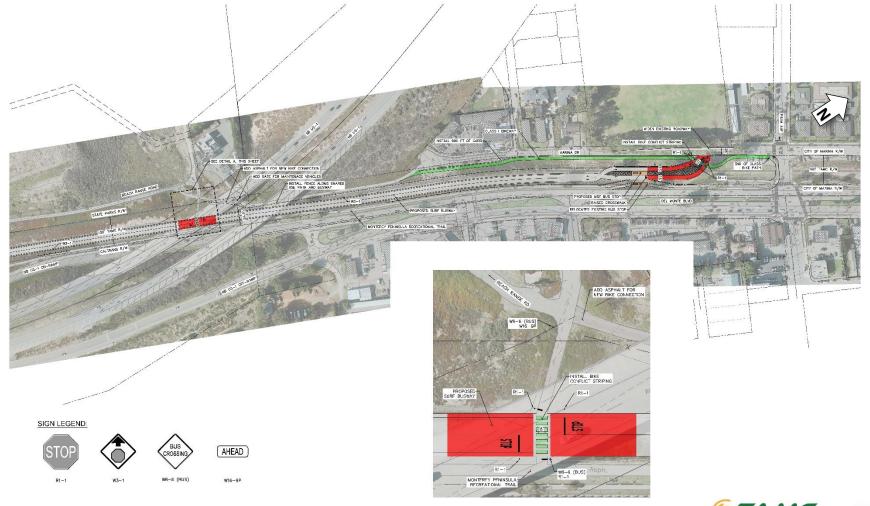
Project Limits

Project Area

Project Area Contra Costa to Playa



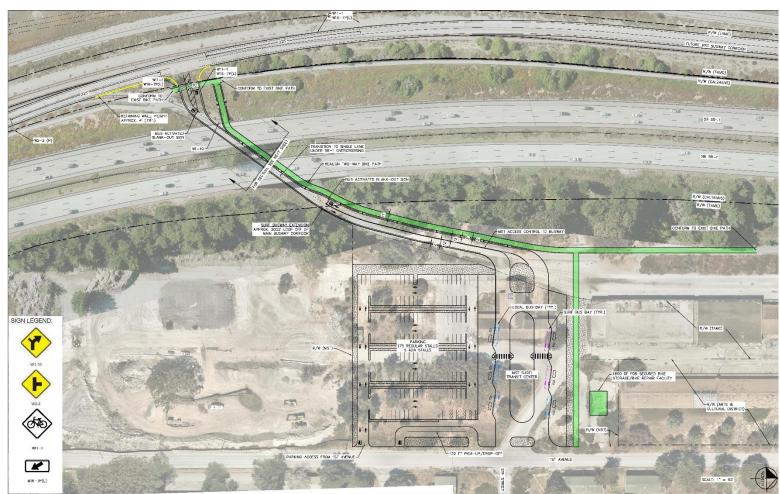
SURF! Palm/Del Monte Detail







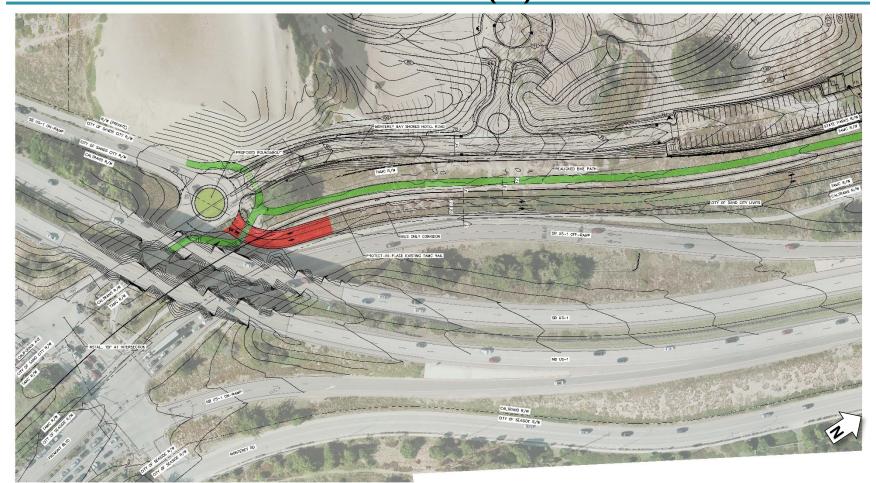
SURF! 5th Street Station Detail







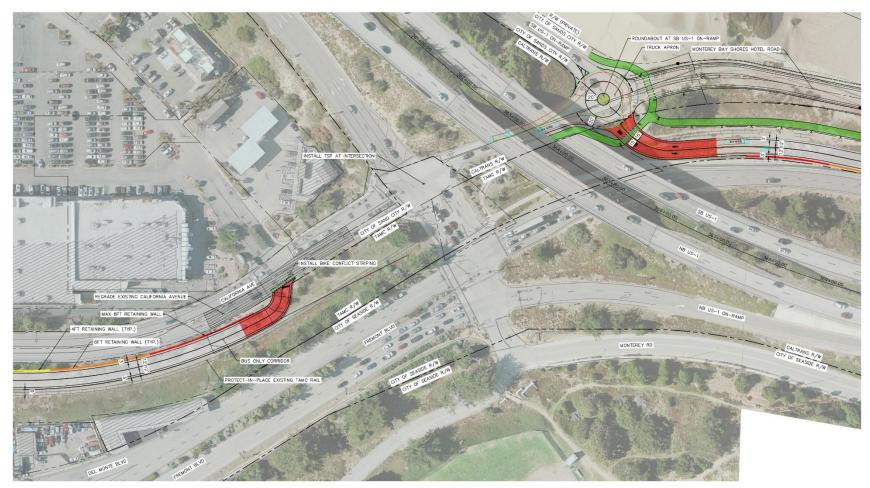
California Ave Connection Detail (1)







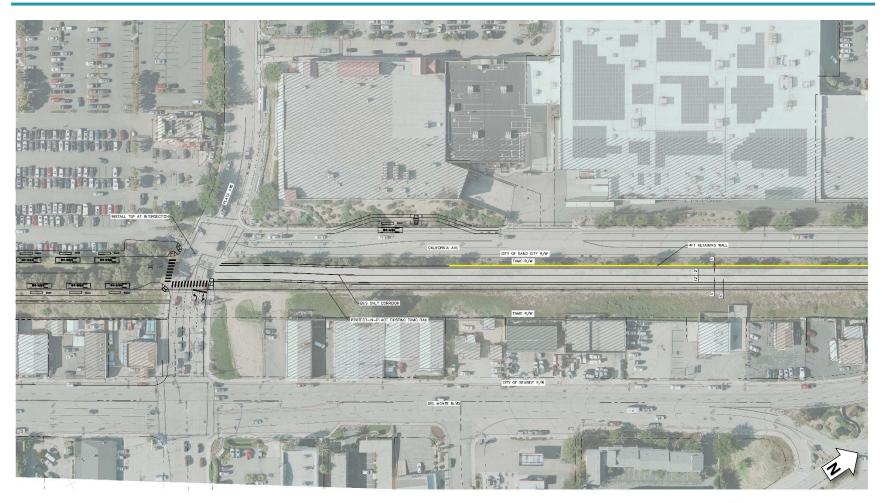
California Ave Connection Detail (2)







SURF! Del Monte/Playa Ave Detail







SURF! Environmental Review

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies to all "projects"
- MST is the Lead Agency
- TAMC is a Responsible Agency
- Early public consultation and disclosure is a cornerstone of the CEQA process
- EIR is the highest level of CEQA review



SURF! Concurrent NEPA Review

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 Applies
- NEPA triggered by federal funding
- Federal Transit Administration (FTA) is the federal lead agency
- MST is working with FTA on a parallel NEPA documentation process



SURF! Notice of Preparation

- A Notice of Preparation (NOP) was issued on August 13, 2020 for 30-day review
- NOP notifies public that an EIR is underway and identifies issue areas to be evaluated
- NOP was filed with the State and County, published in multiple publications in English and Spanish, and posted on the MST website: https://mst.org/about-mst/planning-development/.
- Comments on the NOP received through:
 September 14, 2020 5:00 pm



CEQA Topics to be Analyzed

- Aesthetics & Visual Resources
- Air Quality & Greenhouse Gases
- Biological Resources
- Cultural, Tribal & Historic Resources
- Geology & Soils
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality



CEQA Topics (cont.)

- Land Use & Planning (Coastal Zone)
- Noise & Vibration
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation and Mobility
- Utilities & Service Systems



SURF! Input, Comments and Questions?

- MST is seeking input on the scope and content of the EIR.
- Input on the scope of the EIR is welcome today.
- Comments on the NOP will be collected by MST through September 14.
- Participants and agency representatives are encouraged to also submit their comments in written format.



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SURF! Next Steps / Anticipated Schedule

- Staff Review of Admin Draft EIR November
- Public Review Draft EIR January 202 I
- Final EIR June 2021
- Board Meetings Summer of 2021



Thank you! Your input is appreciated.



