



Fall 2025 Progress Update

North Fair Oaks Community Council

Background and Overview



What is the Grand Boulevard Initiative?



Corridor-wide program to **modernize transportation infrastructure on El Camino Real** in San Mateo County.



Convene a Task Force of staff from cities, countywide agencies, Caltrans, advocates, and business groups to **establish a cohesive vision for the corridor.**



Builds **momentum toward implementation** by advancing a coordinated project through the Caltrans approval process.

It's Time to Modernize El Camino Real

- GBI is reimagining El Camino Real to meet 21st century mobility and safety needs
- Goes beyond safety and transportation improvements in local jurisdictions:
 - Placemaking with vibrant destinations
 - Economic vitality
 - Sustainability elements
 - Infrastructure that will support future developments on the corridor



GBI Structure

Task Force

- City and agency staff, advocacy groups, business groups
- Focused on corridor-wide visioning



Working Group

- City and agency staff only
- Focused on implementation



GBI Agency Partners & Roles



- Primary bus service provider in San Mateo County
- Coordinating countywide El Camino Real planning efforts with SMCTA



- Funds transportation improvements in San Mateo County
- Directs funding towards El Camino Real projects



- Prepares the San Mateo County Congestion Management Program (CMP) and identifies strategies to relieve congestion
- El Camino Real is a CMP roadway



- Owns and maintains El Camino Real as a state highway (SR 82)
- Reviews and approves proposed changes to the roadway



- Coordinates and funds Bay Area regional transportation
- Providing grant funding for El Camino Real planning and Caltrans approval efforts



GBI is Coordinating Across Nine Different Projects and Studies Underway



El Camino Real GBI Action Plan & Project Initiation Document

Caltrans SR-82 North Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plan

(including San Francisco and San Mateo Counties)

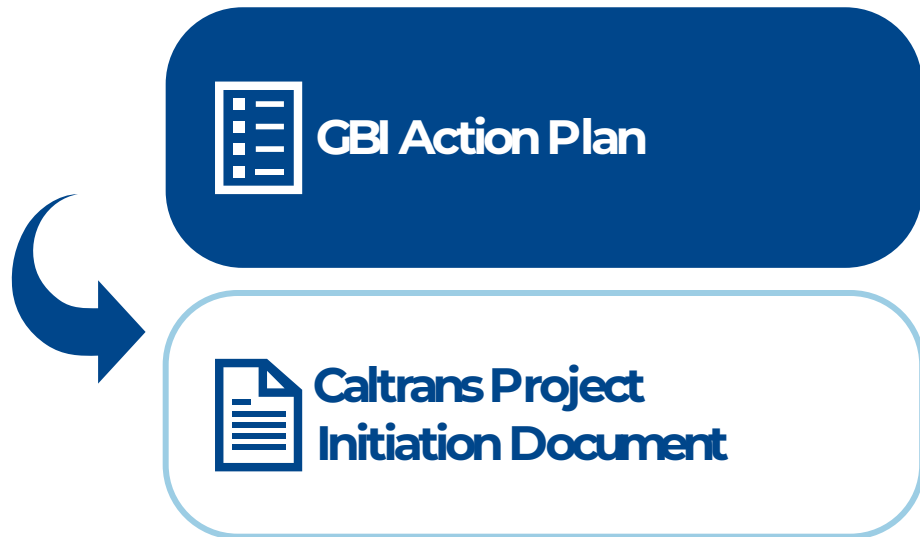


GBI Action Plan



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GBI Outcomes



The Action Plan is the precursor to beginning a countywide Caltrans project development process:

- Evaluate **corridor-wide needs**
- Establish a **cohesive vision**
- **Build momentum** toward implementation

GBI Action Plan Engagement

	2024		2025			
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Task Force & Working Group						
GBI Steering Committee						
City Councils						
SamTrans & TA Board						



Draft Corridor-Wide Vision

El Camino Real is a safe and vibrant street where people of all ages and abilities travel comfortably



Problem Statements and Goals

PROBLEM STATEMENTS

SAFETY

El Camino Real has an unusually high rate of **fatal or serious injury crashes**, particularly for people walking and biking.

MOBILITY

El Camino Real's **highway-like design** discourages walking, biking, and transit use.

PROCESS

It's **too challenging** to develop, implement, and fund transportation projects on El Camino Real.



GOALS

SAFETY

Adopt a **safety-first** mindset to eliminate fatal and serious injury crashes.

MOBILITY

Transform El Camino Real into a **complete street** that works for all users.

PROCESS

Create a new **framework for change** aligning vision, process, and funding.



Streetscape Changes Under Study



Safety

- Traffic calming
- Traffic signal gap closures
- Medians
- Lighting



Active Transportation

- Wider sidewalks
- Crosswalk improvements
- Separated bikeways
- Street trees



Transit

- Bus stop enhancements
- Bus lanes
- Transit signal priority
- Access improvements

GBI Builds on Plans and Projects in North Fair Oaks

- North Fair Oaks Community Plan (2011)
- Unincorporated San Mateo County Active Transportation Plan (2021)
- Unincorporated San Mateo County Local Roadway Safety Plan (2021)
- North Fair Oaks Railroad Crossing Study (2024)
- El Camino Real Complete Streets Corridor Study (2025)

Next Steps & Discussion



GBI Timeline and Cost

~\$750M

Rough order of magnitude cost for up to 22 miles of streetscape redesign (\$2025)

SamTrans-Sponsored Phases*



Caltrans Project Development Process



Discussion:

GBI Action Plan Framework

Goals: What goals do you have for the corridor?

Process: How can we best work together to advance the GBI Vision?

Next Steps: Are you supportive of the GBI process as we have described it?

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MOBILITY GOAL

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PROCESS GOAL

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Thank you!

For questions & comments,
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