



Additional Project Features

Since June 2010, Caltrans District 11 and SANDAG have undertaken extensive outreach with community planning groups, community development organizations, elected officials, City of San Diego staff, key stakeholders, and community members to provide information on the proposed SR 94 Express Lanes Project and associated environmental review process, and to seek suggestions for potential Additional Project Features that could be incorporated into the project.

In addition to individual stakeholder interviews, outreach efforts during the period of June 2010 through December 2013 have included:

- More than 25 presentations to the following planning groups and their subgroups: City Heights Area Planning Committee, Eastern Area Communities Planning Committee, Encanto Neighborhoods Community Planning Group, Greater Golden Hill Planning Committee, North Park Planning Committee, and Southeastern San Diego Planning Group;
- Five meetings with focus groups selected by the City Heights, Eastern, Greater Golden Hill, North Park, and Southeastern community planning groups;
- Twelve presentations to community development organizations, and business and environmental stakeholder groups;
- Two “town hall” style meetings, one hosted by the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation and the other hosted by City Councilmember Marti Emerald at the First Church of the Brethren, with a combined total attendance of over 100 people;
- Fifteen meetings with elected officials and their representatives;
- Numerous meetings with City of San Diego, MTS and SANDAG staff;
- One public scoping meeting held at the Sherman Heights Community Center, with over 10 people in attendance; and
- Two community workshops, held at the Jacobs Center for Neighborhood Innovation and the Sherman Heights Community Center, with a combined total attendance of over 125 people.

At these venues, Caltrans received more than 80 distinct suggestions for Additional Project Features, along with general comments on the overall SR 94 Express Lanes Project, the Caltrans/SANDAG planning process, and regional transit/transportation systems.

Subsequently, all suggestions for Additional Project Features were evaluated for:

- Compliance with the requirements and limitations of available funding sources;
- Consistency with regional transit and transportation goals;
- Accessibility to the public;
- Construction feasibility;
- Potential property acquisitions and other environmental impacts; and
- Relevance to the SR 94 Express Lanes Project.

Following the analysis, the final suggestions for Additional Project Features are:

- > Bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing at 24th Street;
- > Class 1 bike path from Federal Boulevard to Market Street;
- > Bicycle/pedestrian improvements at 47th Street/SR 94 overcrossing;
- > F Street and G Street streetscape improvements from 22nd Street to 25th Street (with or without traffic calming/narrowing);
- > Federal Boulevard (south side) streetscape improvements along with new bike lane from Home Avenue to Sunshine Park;
- > MTS bus stop/shelter upgrades; and
- > Lighting for the Martin Luther King, Jr. mural near the Home Avenue/SR 94 overcrossing.

Consistent with the project’s stated objectives, these Additional Project Features would improve local pedestrian, bicycle, and transit mobility, enhancing multimodal transportation opportunities and aesthetics in the project corridor. These suggestions will be incorporated into the SR 94 Express Lanes Project for evaluation in the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement. In addition, coordination would be required with the City of San Diego and/or other agencies to develop agreements for the implementation and/or long-term maintenance of these facilities.

PROJECT SCHEDULE AND FUNDING



Draft Environmental Document
Spring 2015

Final Environmental Document
Winter 2015

Project Completion
2020
(Per the SANDAG 2050 Regional Transportation Plan)

The cost to complete the project is estimated to be between \$500 million and \$600 million depending on the alternative chosen.

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Visual Simulation of Express Lanes

