

# **Appendix J**

## **Outreach Memorandum**



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**Subject: Pacheco Boulevard Improvements Project: Summary of Outreach and Community Meeting**

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### **Project Description**

The City of Martinez (City) and Contra Costa County (County) are evaluating alternatives to improve Pacheco Boulevard between Blum Road and Morello Avenue. Community input is an important element in the evaluation of alternatives. A public meeting was held in April 2016 to provide the community with an opportunity to review the draft alternatives, learn about the pros and cons of each alternative, and discuss their questions and concerns with staff and the project team.

### **Public Meeting Overview**

A public meeting was held on April 27, 2016, in the City of Martinez council chambers. The meeting consisted of an overview presentation covering the purpose of the project, the history and context, current draft alternatives, their general benefits and impacts, and how the process would move forward. A copy of the presentation is attached.

Attendees received the following materials at the meeting: the meeting program, a comment card inviting them to share their opinions on the proposed improvements, and the project fact sheet. Copies of these materials are attached.

After the presentation, a map of the project segments (slide 22 of the presentation) was put on display for an hour-long open house. The project team discussed issues and answered questions from community members. This public meeting served as a high-level introduction to the project for the community, and as the draft alternatives are further developed, each segment of the overall project will have its own specific requirements, including environmental and communication requirements. We recommend that questions and issues not completely resolved at this early phase (due to requiring additional study, environmental investigation, etc.), noted in the "Summary of Input Received" section below, be addressed in the future as plans are further developed.

### **Noticing**

The methods below were utilized to notice the public meeting:

- A meeting notice was mailed to all site addresses and property owners within a 300' buffer of the corridor. The mailing list also included Contra Costa County District 5 Supervisor Federal Glover, the Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC), the Pacheco Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), Las Juntas Elementary School, and other local stakeholders from a database maintained by the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA)
- Two large banners were placed at either end of the corridor noticing the meeting and providing contact information
- A press release was prepared and distributed to the Contra Costa Times, Martinez Patch, Martinez Tribune, and the Martinez News Gazette

- A project web page was created on the County website, where the meeting announcement as well as an updated fact sheet were posted
- A subsequent meeting notice was sent to Las Juntas Elementary School (within the project area) to review the Draft Study

Copies of the meeting notice, banner, and updated fact sheet are attached.

### **Summary of Input Received**

At the meeting, staff gathered input by discussing the project features and potential benefits and impacts with attendees. Hard copy comment sheets were also available. Below is a summary of the feedback received.

#### Segments 1 & 2 (Blum Road to Arnold Drive):

- A majority of attendees voiced their preference for prefer Alt 2 – the three-lane configuration.
- Three property owners on the west side of Pacheco Boulevard thought that the Right-of-Way (ROW) might be wrong. A property owner had some additional ROW engineering done as part of a possible parking lot configuration and based on those findings, he felt the ROW shown was incorrect.
- There is a preschool just south of the property being developed at the southwest quadrant of Pacheco Blvd. and Arnold Dr. There was concern that if we had a hard median/island at the left turn, it would be difficult for people going to preschool to cross the road. They liked the three-lane configuration with no hard island. We discussed that it might be safer to restrict that movement, even with no hard island, if vehicles could make a U-turn at a signal.
- Several attendees wanted us to look at on-street parking relative to a possible wall that was assumed to be constructed to help with the grade difference along the west side. Concern was expressed that if a wall is built, there will be a need to keep cars and people from falling off.
- It was suggested that we look at a grade split between the travel lanes between Arnold Dr. and Blum Rd. The left turn lane would just “ramp up.”

#### Segments 3 & 4 (Arthur Road to Morello Avenue):

- A property owner on Pacheco Blvd. prefers a wider two-way left turn for trucks and noted that truckers currently stop and park outside the 7-11 at Camino del Sol to run in and grab something in the store.
- Concern was expressed regarding adding the dual left turn lane from eastbound Pacheco Blvd. onto northbound Arthur Rd. The merge could back up into the intersection.
- Several people noted that the sidewalk gap over the creek next to Las Juntas Elementary School was a safety concern. They were happy to hear that the County was making efforts to begin environmental studies for this piece of sidewalk.
- A few people complained that cars back out of driveways too quickly from elevated parcels and it is difficult to pull out with parked cars blocking visibility at times.

**Next Steps**

The Project team will review the input received and determine what, if any, refinements are needed to address the issues raised while still meeting the project objectives. A final alternative will be recommended for further study.