

# State Route 87/Capitol Expressway Interchange Improvement Project (EA 04-2W700)

**Public Scoping Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**  
**6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**



# Welcome



# Introductions



- Anthony Lopez
- Zahir Gulzadah
- Peter Le
- Christina Jaworski
- Christine Fukasawa
- Alex Bode
- Ian Lin
- Lauren Ledbetter

- Councilmember Sergio Jimenez (D2)
- Councilmember Pam Foley (D9)
- Neil Ong
- Josephine Kimura

- Arun Guduguntla
- Larry Bonner
- Daniel Chan



- Ben Aghegnehu



- Jon Cacciotti
- Anthony Silva

**Jacobs**

- Joza Burnam

# Meeting Agenda and Format

## 6:00 – 6:30 Presentation

- *Purpose of the Scoping Meeting*
- *Project Overview*
- *Environmental Review Process*

## 6:30 – 7:30 Open House

*At the conclusion of the presentation, please join us at the exhibits around the room. Project team staff will be available to answer questions.*

## During the meeting, please:

- *Respect the format of the meeting and allow the speakers to present the information.*
- *Turn off cell phones during the presentation.*
- *Treat fellow community members, agency representatives, Caltrans staff, and others with respect.*
- *Address all comments to Project team staff.*
- *Maintain a conversational tone.*

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# Purpose of this Scoping Meeting



# Notice of Preparation of a Draft EIR/EA

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Caltrans, in cooperation with VTA, and the City of San José, will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)/Environmental Assessment (EA) to inform the public of potential environmental impacts of the project.

# Purpose of Scoping

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- Provide information about the proposed project.
- Receive input on the purpose and need for the project, environmental analysis methodology, environmental issues to be studied, and potential environmental effects.
- Gather feedback on what the environmental scope of the project should be in preparation for the Draft EIR/EA.



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# How to Submit Scoping Comments

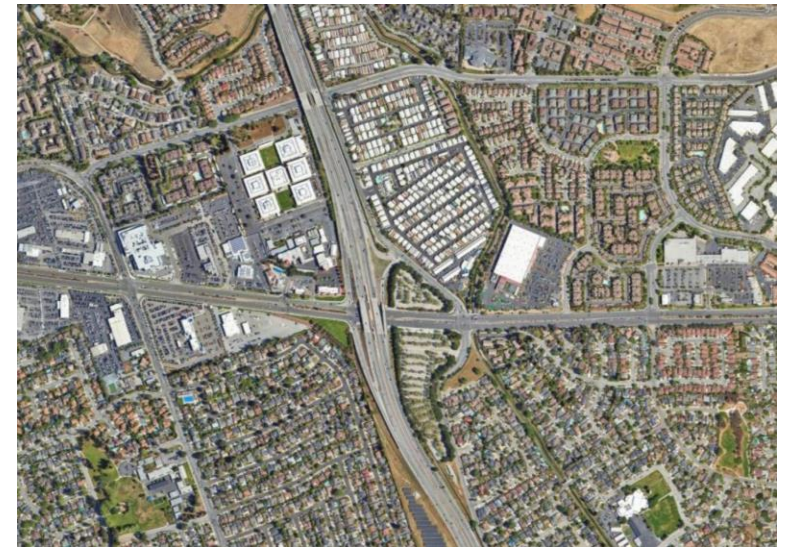
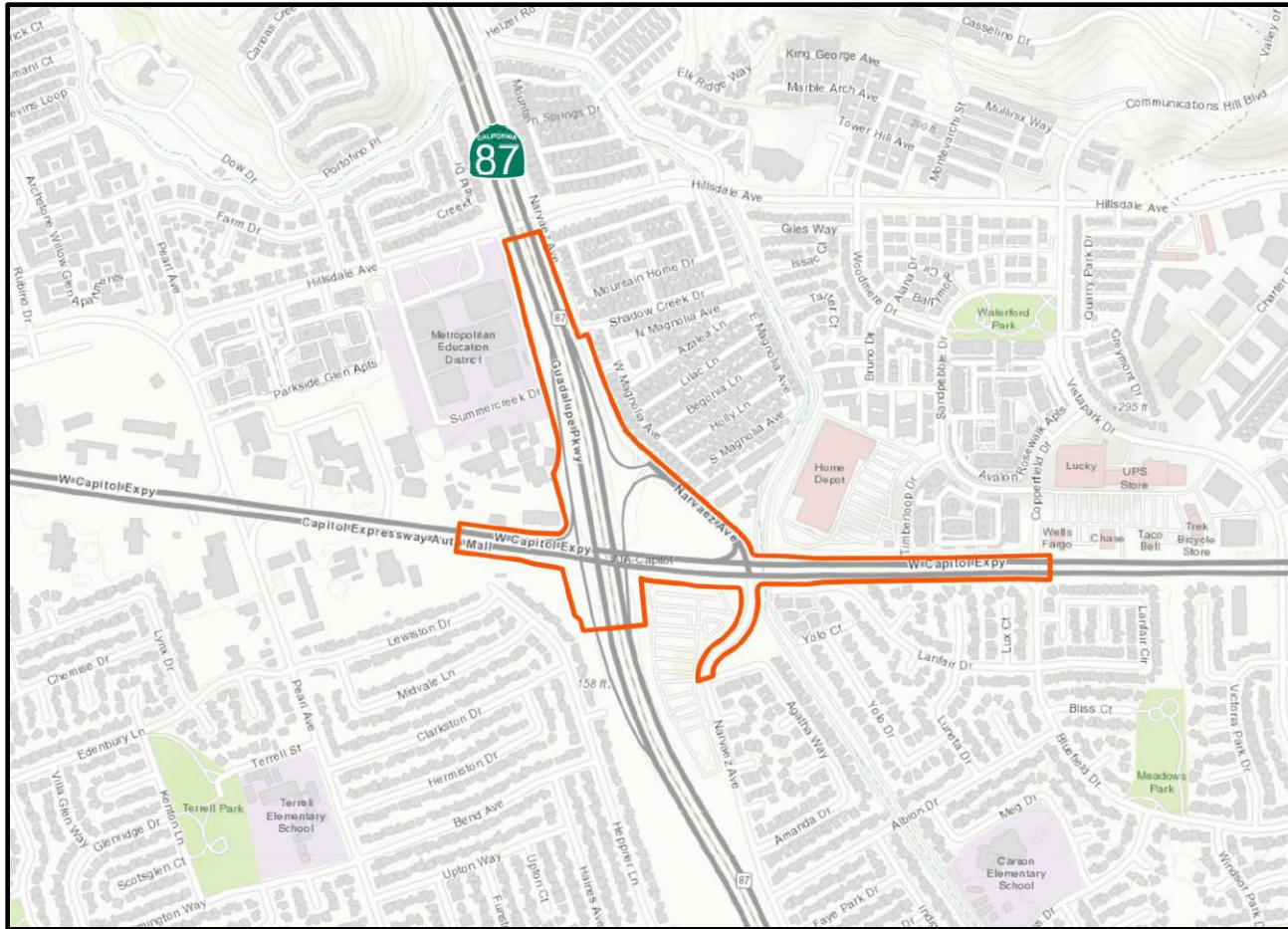
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Oakland, CA 94623-0660

# Project Overview



# Project Location



# Purpose of the Project

- Improve vehicular circulation and access between northbound SR 87 and Capitol Expressway and improve vehicular circulation and access on Narvaez Avenue and Capitol Expressway.
- Provide high quality, convenient, comfortable, low stress, and sustainable accommodations for active transportation (bicycles and pedestrians) along Capitol Expressway and Narvaez Avenue including improved connectivity to light rail transit in the median of SR 87 and the Highway 87 Bikeway.
- Provide quality accommodations and seamless connections between all modes of transportation including light rail, bus, carpool, vanpool, passenger vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

# Need for the Project

- Existing and projected vehicular operations along northbound SR 87 on- and off- ramps in the design year operate at poor Level-of-Service (LOS) during peak hours. Existing local vehicular circulation and access along Narvaez Avenue and Capitol Expressway currently perform at poor LOS during peak hours.
- Existing bicycle and pedestrian accommodations have poor connectivity and have high stress environments adjacent to high-volume and high-speed traffic.
- Existing connections between light rail, bus, carpool, vanpool, passenger vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians are outdated and negatively impacted by existing congestion.

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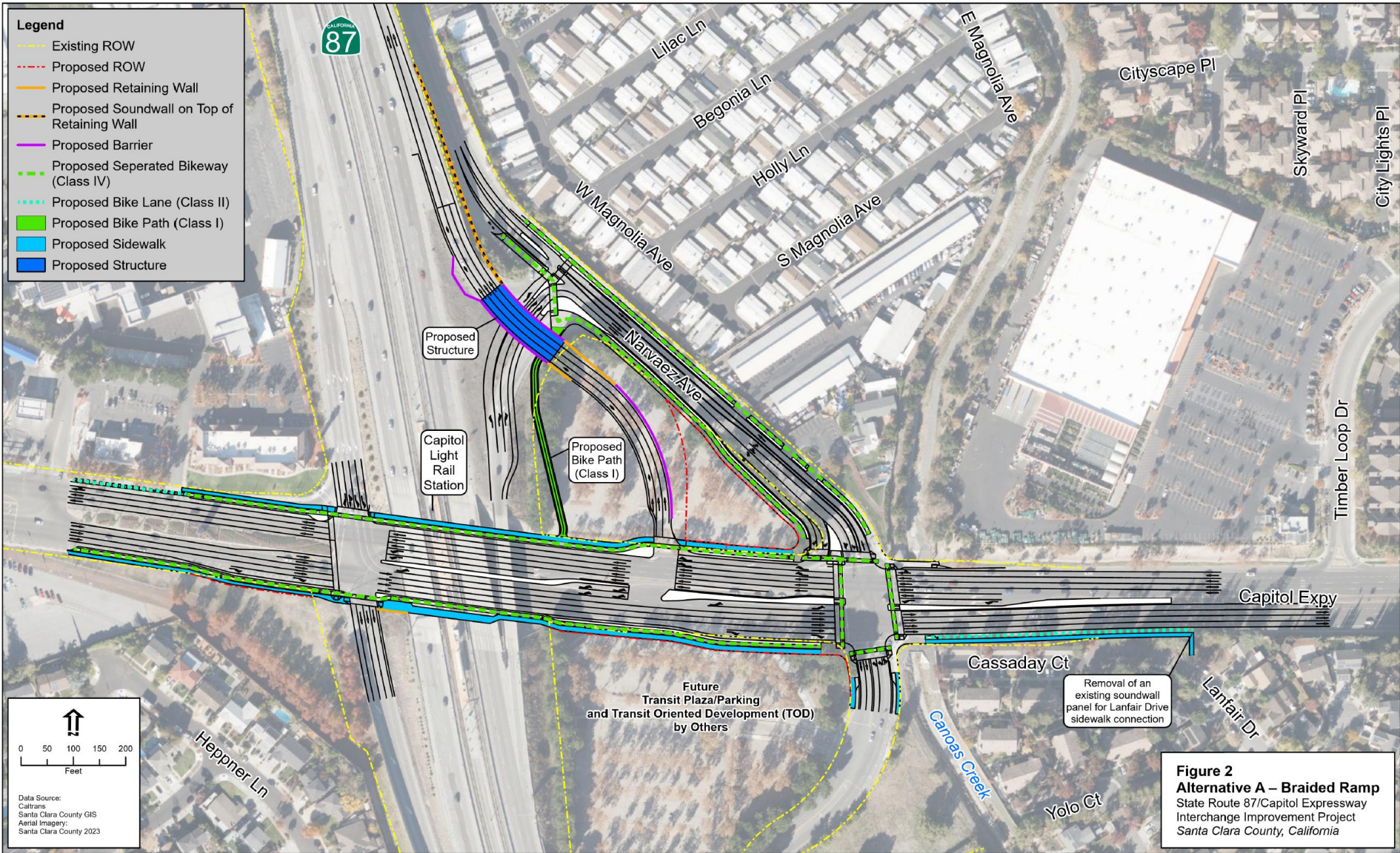
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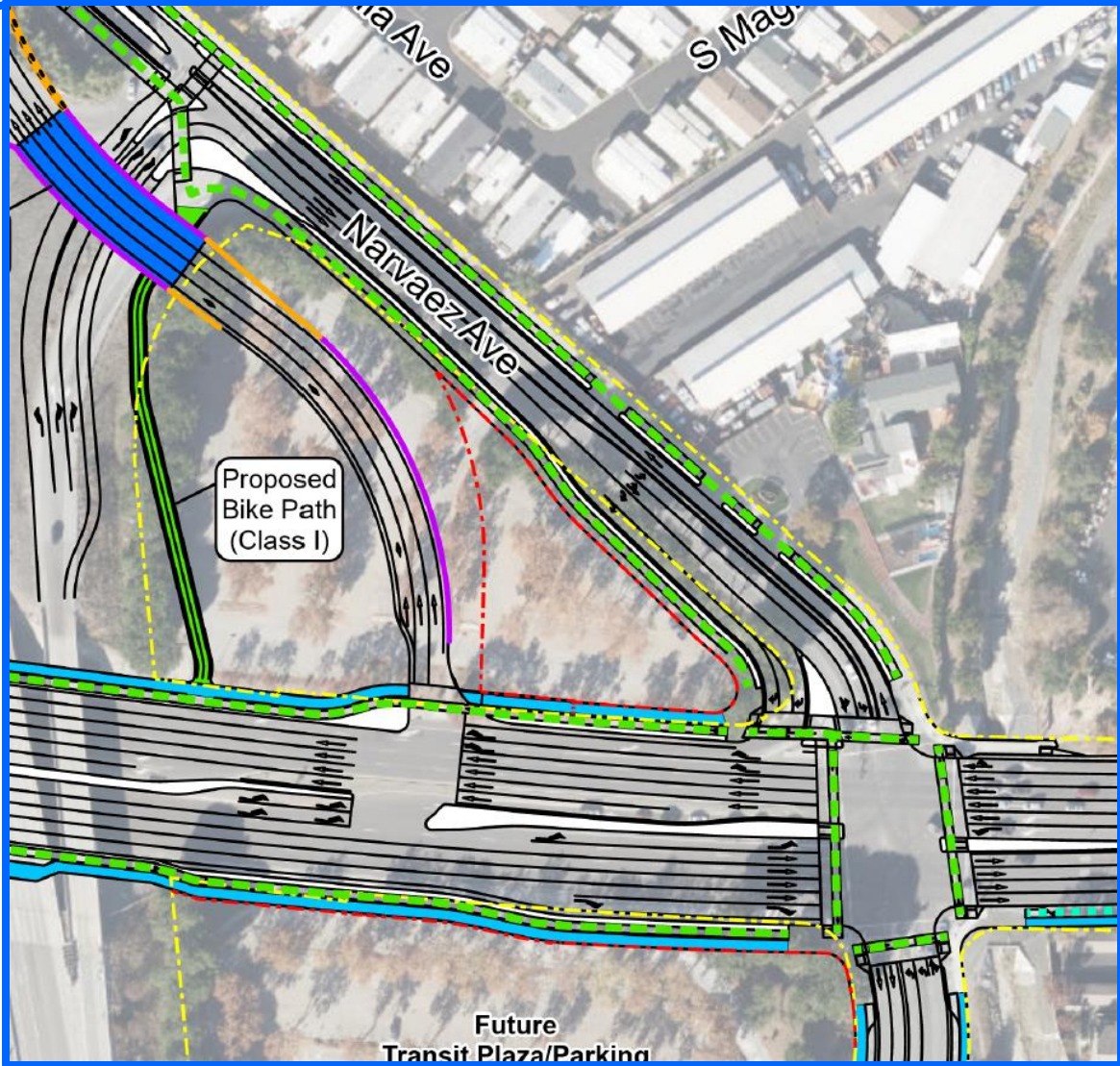
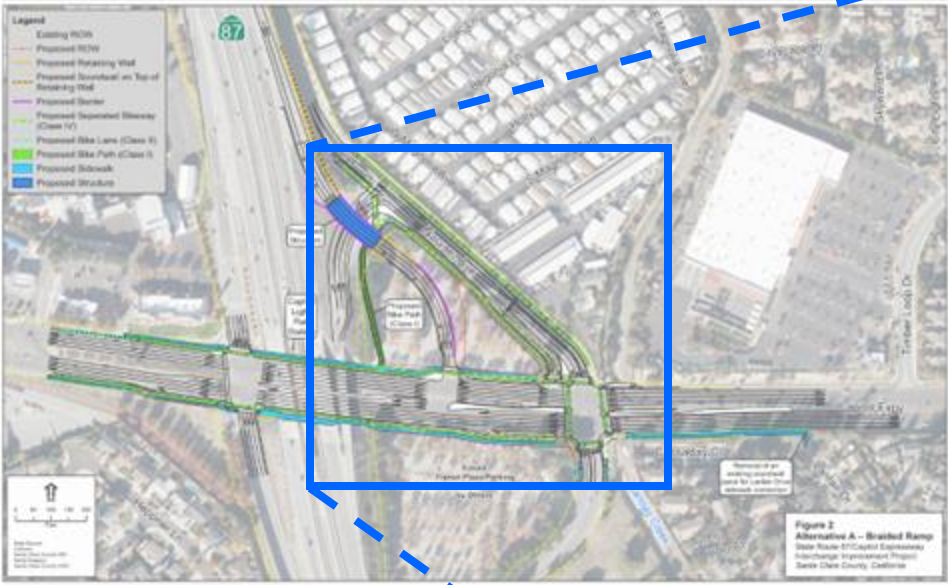


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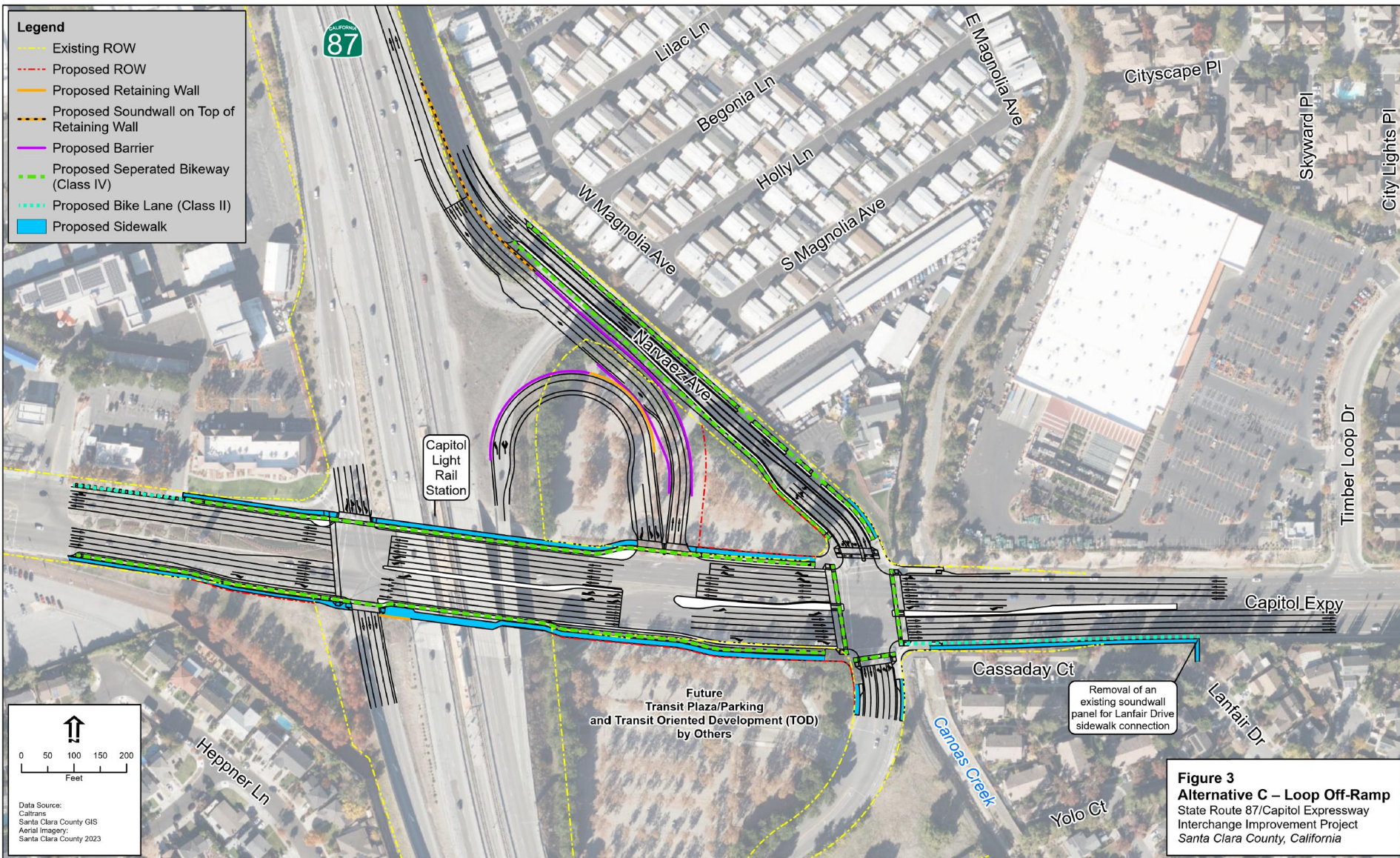


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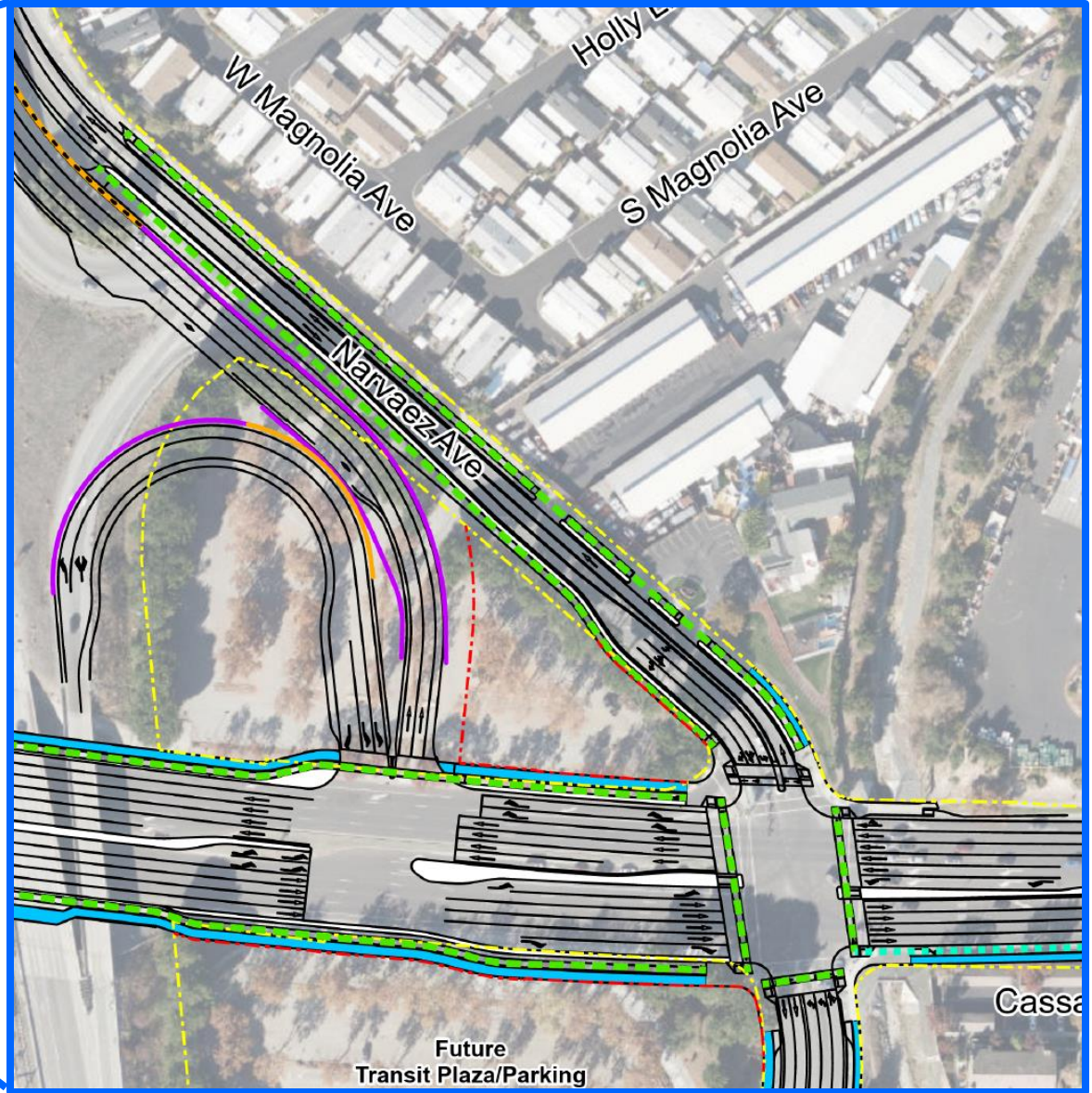
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# Environmental Review Process



# Notice of Preparation and Scoping

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Circulate Notice of Preparation

30-day Scoping Period

Public Scoping Meeting

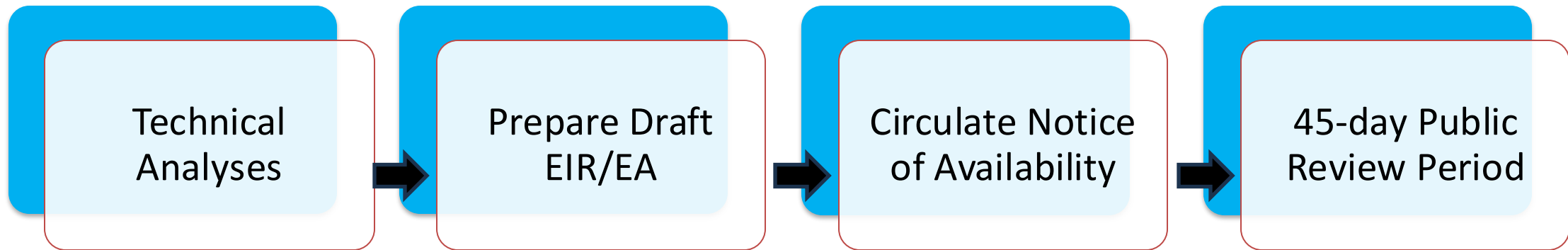


# Environmental Technical Analyses

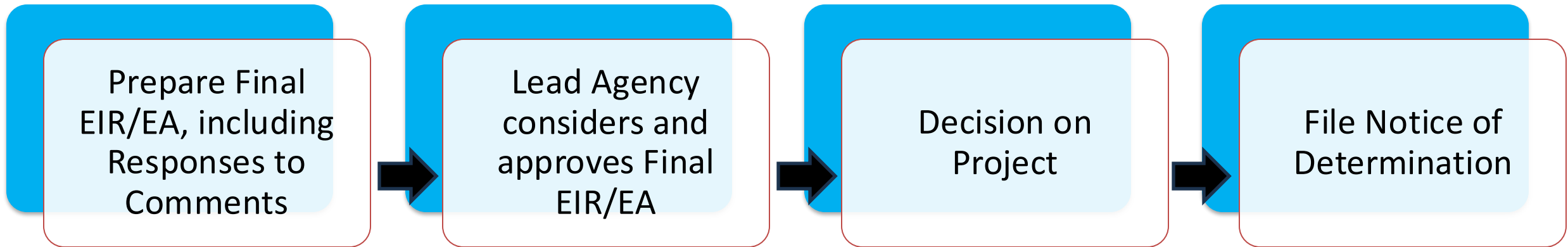
## Environmental Topics

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Community Impacts
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Aesthetics/Visual Impacts
- Traffic and Transportation

# Draft EIR/EA



# Final EIR/EA and Project Decision



# Project Schedule

## Environmental Review Process

Milestone	Date
Scoping	Aug 8-Sept 9, 2024
Draft EIR/EA	Fall 2026
Final EIR/EA	Summer 2027
Design/Engineering	2027-2029
Construction	2029-2031

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# Open House



# Thank You

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For more information, please visit the project webpage at

[www.vta.org/SR87Capitol](http://www.vta.org/SR87Capitol).

