

Community Meeting To Present Findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report



September 24, 2019

Meeting Agenda

CHARCOT AVENUE EXTENSION PROJECT



- **Introduction**
- **Project Overview**
 - Background and History
 - Previous Meetings
- **Project Design**
- **Summary of the Findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**
- ***Informal Question and Answer Session After Presentation***
- ***Schedule / Next Steps***
- ***Adjournment***
- ***Acceptance of Comment Cards Today as Formal Comments to Draft EIR***

Project

Extend Charcot Avenue from Coyote Creek to Oakland Rd



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Project Objectives



- Improve Connectivity Between the Eastside of I-880 and the Westside of I-880;
- Increase the Capacity for East/West Travel Across the I-880 corridor;
- Provide a Safe Bicycle/Pedestrian Facility over I-880, in Compliance with San José's Complete Streets Design Policy;
- Implement a Programmed Roadway Network Improvement Project identified in the *Envision San José 2040 General Plan*; and
- Implement a Planned Major Roadway Improvement Project, as Set Forth in the *North San José Area Development Policy* and the *North San José Deficiency Plan*

Project History

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The Charcot Avenue Extension was added to **San Jose 2020 General Plan** in **August 1994** by City Council.

Project included in **North San Jose Area Development Policy**

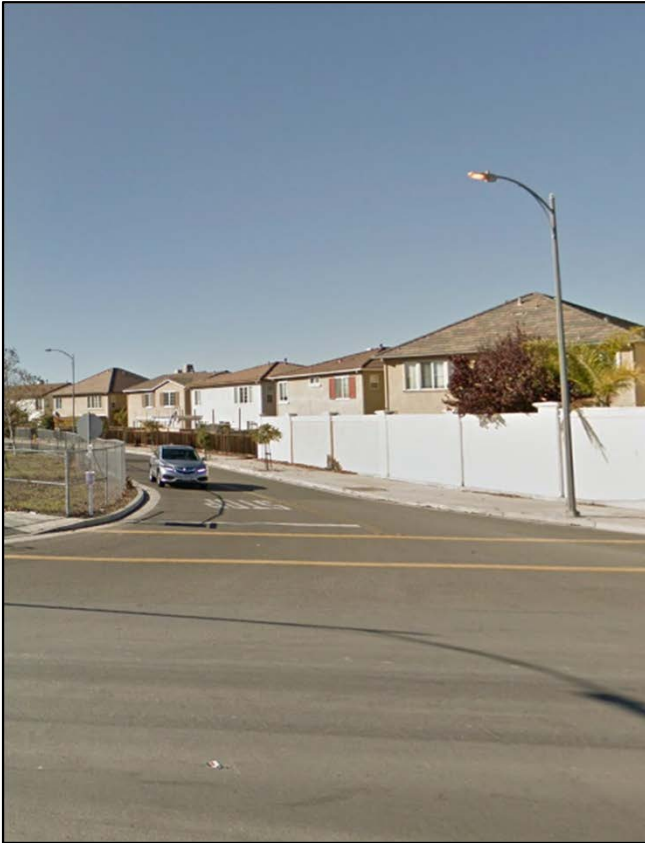
Approved in **2005**

Amended in **2010, 2015 and 2017**

Project included in **North San Jose Deficiency Plan**

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The Charcot Avenue Extension remains in **San Jose Envision 2040 General Plan** adopted by City Council in **2011**

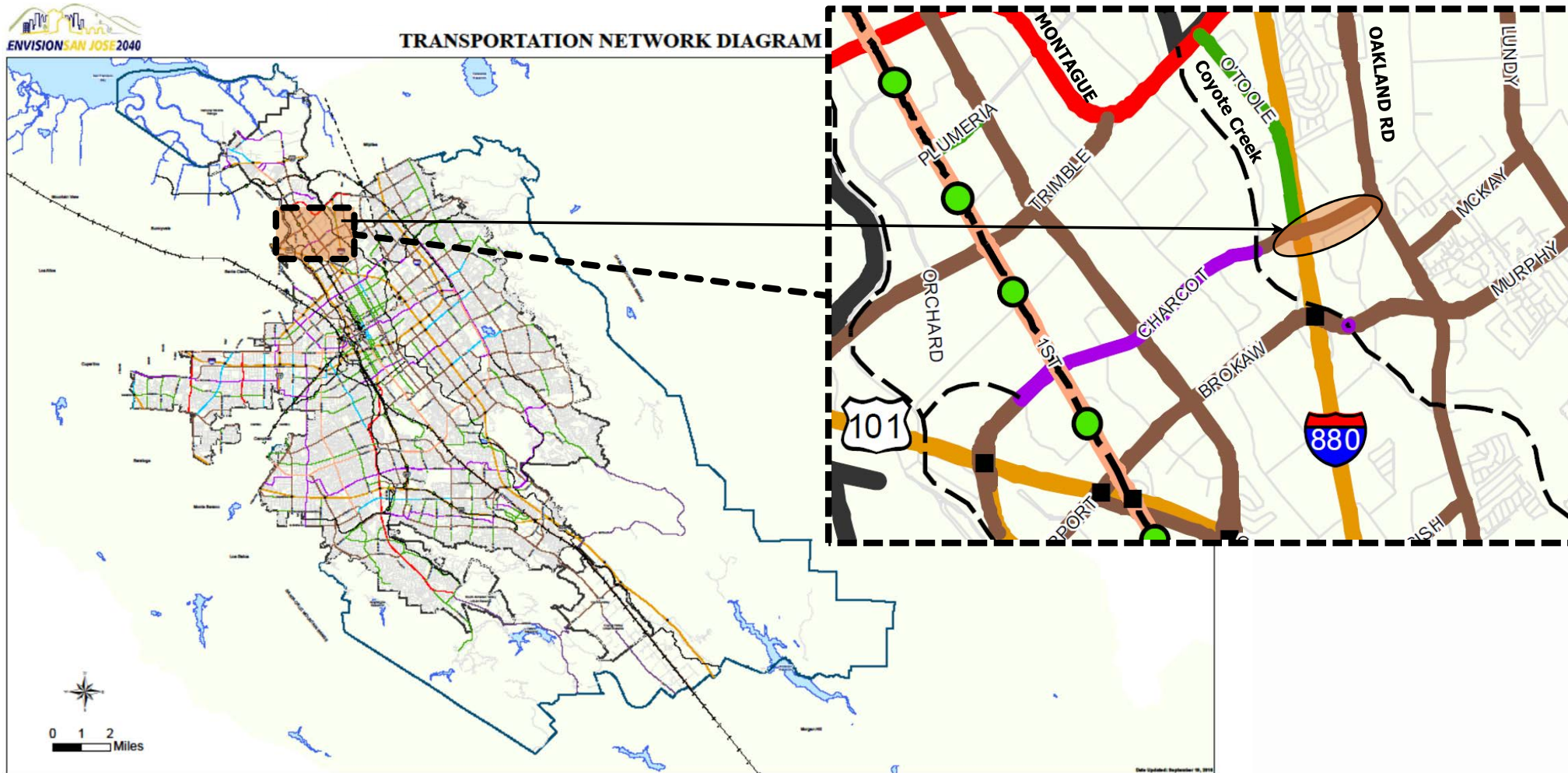


San Jose General Plan

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Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan (Approved in 2011)



Project Description

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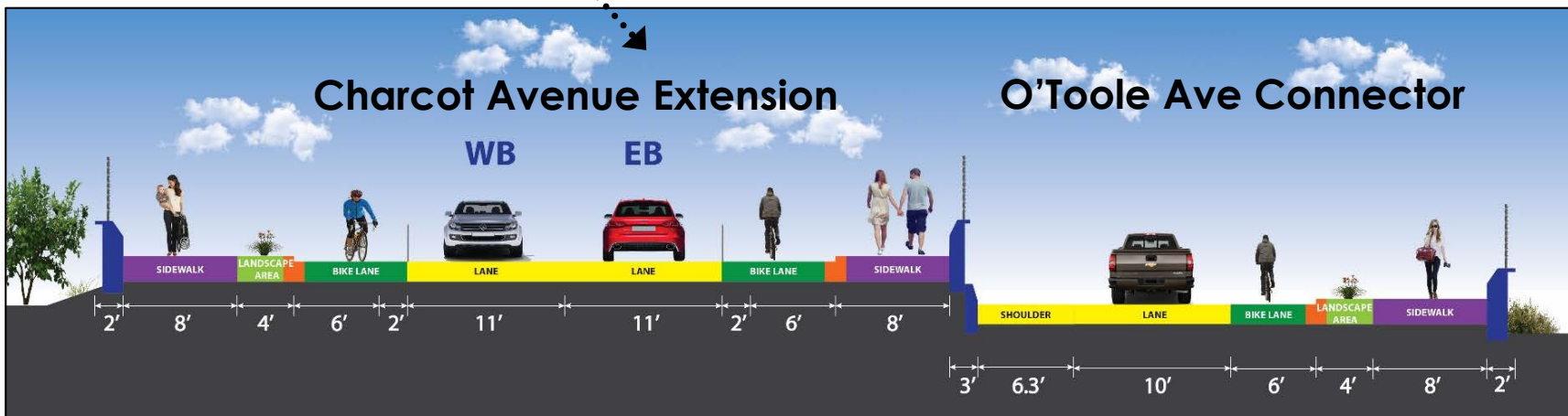
- **Extend** Charcot Ave from O'Toole Ave to Oakland Rd
- **Install** Bicycle/Ped Facilities from Oakland Rd to Future Coyote Creek Trail
- **Construct** Bridge Structure over I-880
- **Preserve** EB Connectivity to O'Toole Ave



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Project Limits and Sections

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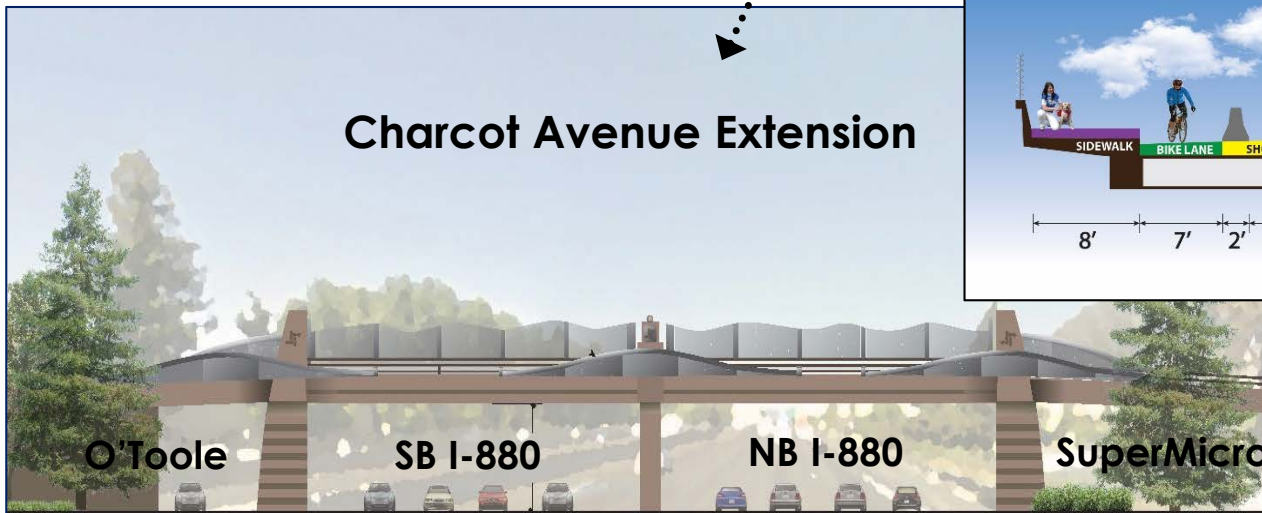
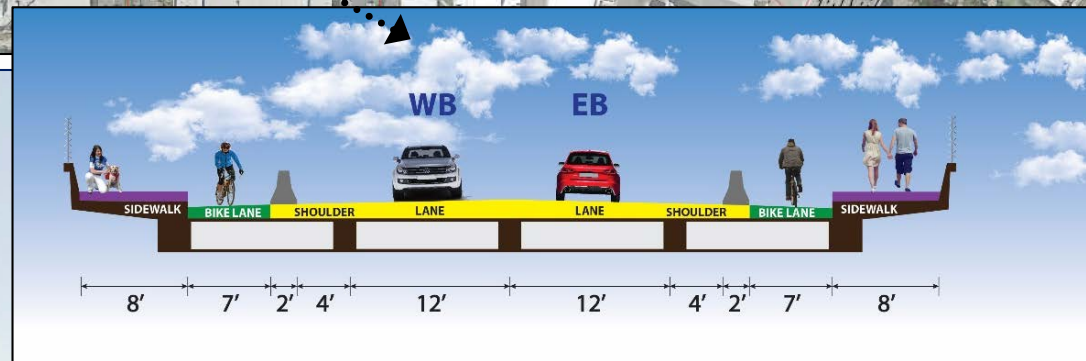
Charcot Avenue Extension Section (Approaching O'Toole Avenue)

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Charcot Avenue Extension

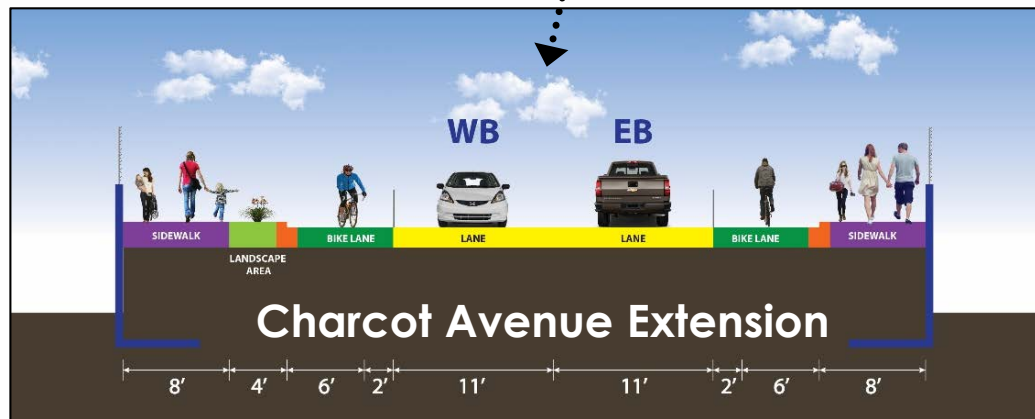


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Charcot Avenue Extension Elevation (Spanning I-880)

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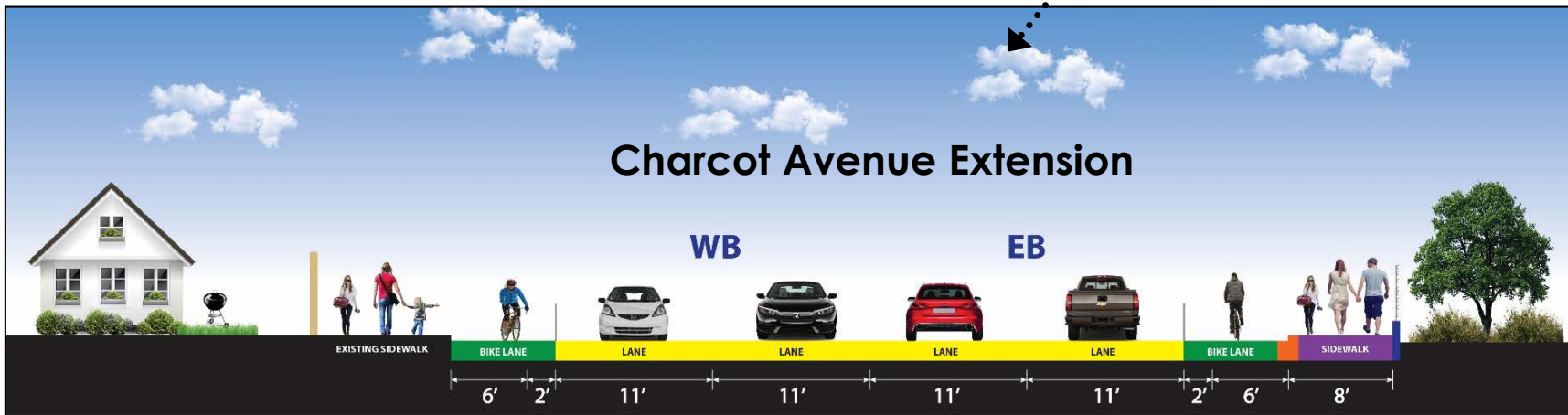
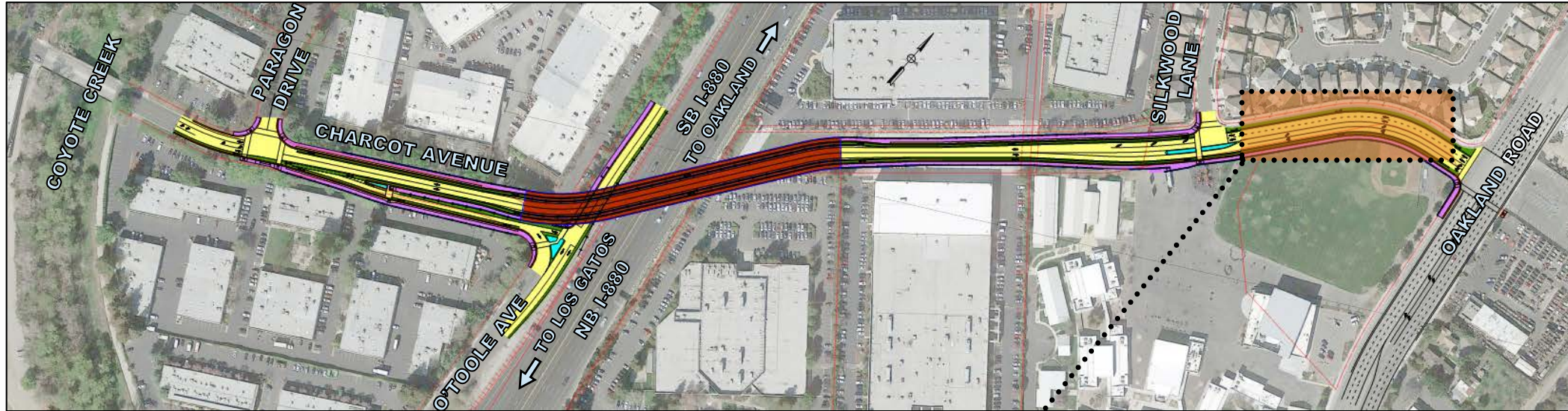
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Charcot Avenue Extension Section (Approaching Old Oakland Road)

Environmental Process

Environmental Process: Purpose of the California Environmental Quality Act



- **Disclose** Environmental Impacts
- **Gather** Public Input
- **Evaluate** Alternatives
- **Coordinate** with Federal, State, and other Agencies
- **Inform** Decision Makers and Public of the Environmental Impacts of the Project

Environmental Review Steps

Initiate Environmental Process (completed)



Scoping (completed)



Prepare Draft Environmental Document (completed)



Comment Period & Public Meeting (underway)



Prepare Responses to Comments (commence Nov 2019)



Prepare Final Document (commence Nov 2019)



EIR Certification (date TBD)

Environmental Scoping

- Two meetings in May 2018
- 53 comments Received – Individual Responses to Each in Draft EIR

Areas of Controversy

- Purpose for the Project
- Project Location Adjacent to an Elementary School, including Concerns Related to Increases in Traffic, leading to Safety, Noise, and Air Pollution Impacts
- Project Design that Requires Right-of-Way from the School and Directly Impacts some of the School's Recreational Facilities
- Project Location Adjacent to Residences Located on the Northside of Silk Wood Lane.
- Severing of Direct Access from Charcot Avenue to the Business Parks Located between Paragon Drive and O'Toole Avenue.

Topics Evaluated in the Draft EIR

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture & Forestry
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildlife

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Key Conclusions

Significant Impacts of the Project

- Aesthetics (cannot be mitigated to less-than-significant)
- Biological Resources (will be mitigated)
- Cultural Resources (will be mitigated)
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials (will be mitigated)
- Noise (will be mitigated)
- Recreation (cannot be mitigated to less-than-significant)

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- **The Project includes new connections and facilities for bicyclist, pedestrians and vehicles.**
- **The Project complies with new state law and City policy regarding Vehicle-Miles-Traveled (VMT).**
- **Unlike a development project that increases vehicle trips, the Project accommodates demand.**
- **The Project will not result in any additional vehicle trips but it will result in a redistribution of traffic.**

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Aesthetics West of O'Toole Avenue



Existing



Proposed

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Aesthetics I-880 Overcrossing



Existing



Proposed

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Aesthetics Silk Wood Lane

Existing



Proposed



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Key Conclusions

Biological Resources

- **Project may Impact nesting birds during the construction phase**
- **Mitigation includes pre-construction surveys and avoidance of active nests**

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Key Conclusions

Cultural Resources

- Project alignment is considered archaeologically-sensitive and construction could potentially impact buried cultural resources
- Mitigation includes Monitoring
 - If resources are found, they will be evaluated by an archaeologist
 - If resource is determined to be significant, follow-up actions may include collection, recordation and analysis

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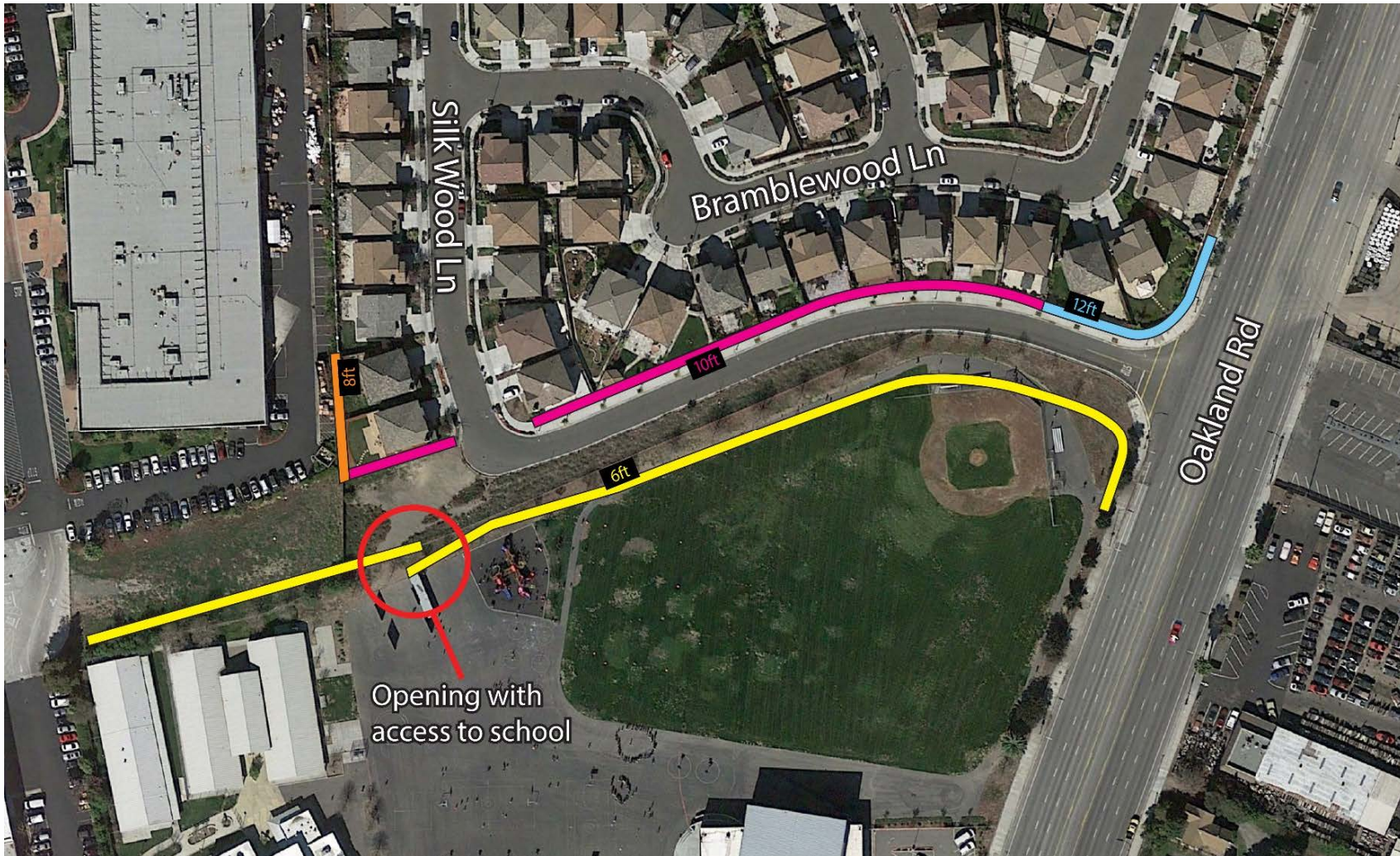
Key Conclusions

Hazardous Materials

- Soils along the alignment could contain elevated levels of pesticides from previous agricultural uses
- Soil sampling and analysis will be undertaken
- If concentrations of pesticides are found above regulatory levels, measures to avoid exposure to construction workers and the public will be implemented under direction of the County Dept of Environmental Health or the CA Dept of Toxic Substances

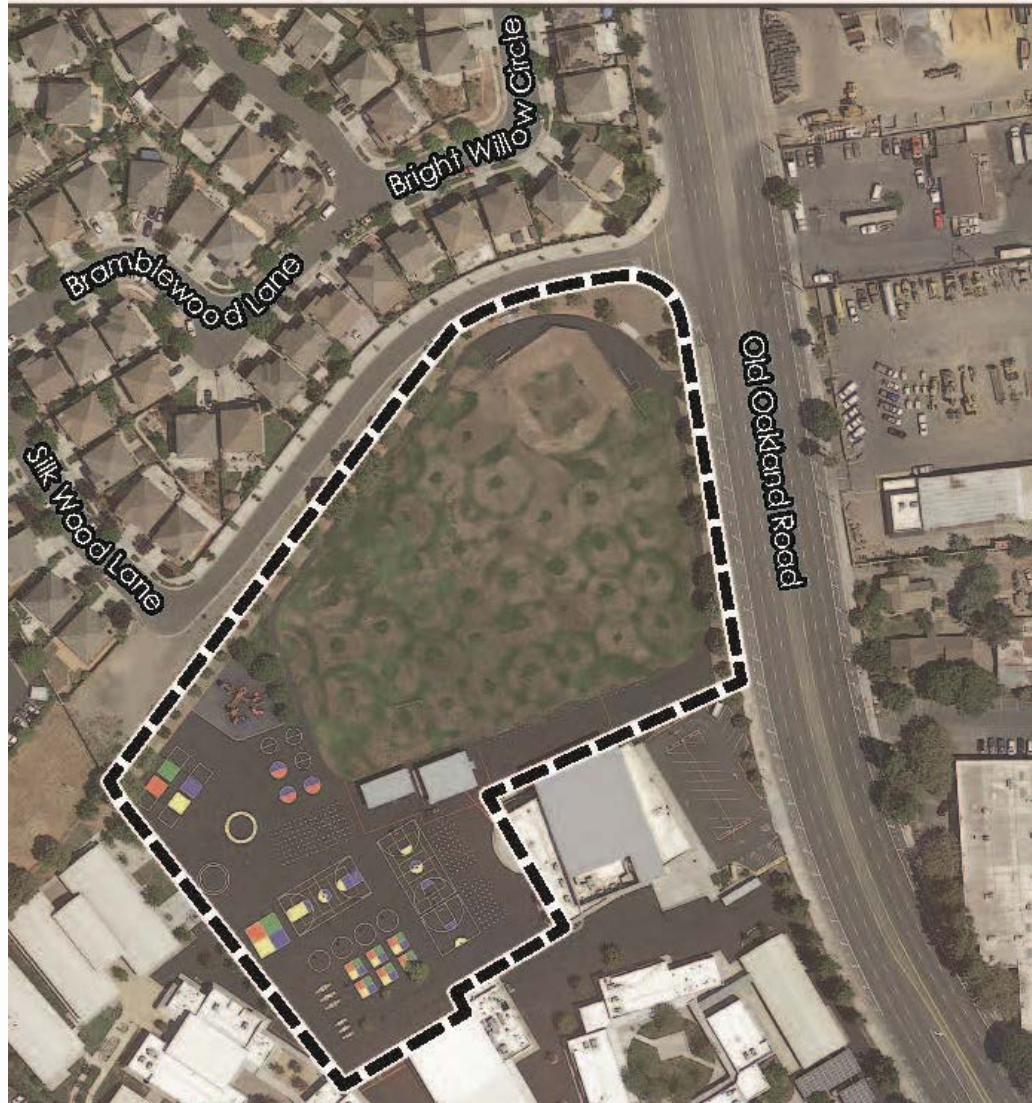
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Noise



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Recreation



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Key Conclusions

Recreation

- Project will impact some of the recreational facilities at Orchard School
- Existing Facilities = 5.7 acres
- Project Impact = 0.44 acre (7.8% of existing)
- Project will compensate the Orchard School District for the impact
- Net loss of 0.44 acre cannot be mitigated unless an alternative with a narrower cross-section is chosen

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Key Conclusions

Air Quality

- **Bay Area Air Quality Management District publishes standards and thresholds of significance to be used to evaluate projects**
- **Both the construction and operational phases of the project were addressed**
- **Evaluation looked at the maximally exposed individual (child at Orchard School and an infant in the residences)**
- **Risk analysis for toxic air contaminants included emissions from I-880, Oakland Rd, Charcot Ave Extension and nearby industrial sources**
- **No exceedances of standards or thresholds will occur**

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Key Environmental Topics

8 Alternatives Evaluated

Alternative Designation	Alternative Name	Feasible ?
A	Fox Lane Alignment	No
B	Widen Montague Expressway and/or Brokaw Rd	No
C	New I-880 Overcrossing South of Brokaw Road	No
D	No Project	Yes
E	New Overcrossing for Bicycles and Pedestrians Only	Yes
F	Single Left-Turn Lane from Oakland Rd to Charcot Ave	Yes
G	Single Left Turn Lane on Charcot Ave at Oakland Rd	Yes
H	Single Turn Lanes on Both Charcot Ave and Oakland Rd	Yes

Under CEQA, “feasible” means capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account economic, environmental, legal, social, and technological factors. (CEQA Guidelines 15364)

Feasible Alternatives Summary

- **No Project (Alt D) has no impacts but does not meet any of the project objectives**
- **Bike/Ped Only Overcrossing (Alt E) avoids most of the impacts of the project but only meets 1 of the 5 project objectives**
- **The 3 Reduced Width Designs (Alt F, Alt G, Alt H) have similar impacts to the project and each are comparable in meeting the 5 project objectives**

Question and Answer Session



Question and Answer Session

The Question and Answer Session is *Informal*

Questions Posed Orally are *NOT* Considered Formal Comments on Draft EIR

To Submit a Formal Comment on the Draft EIR, Record Comment and Include Comment in the Final EIR :

- Complete a Comment Card Today and Place in Comment Box
- Email Comment by November 4, 2019
- Mail Comment by November 4, 2019

Direct Mail and Email Comments to

City of San Jose

Department of Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement

200 East Santa Clara St., 3rd Floor

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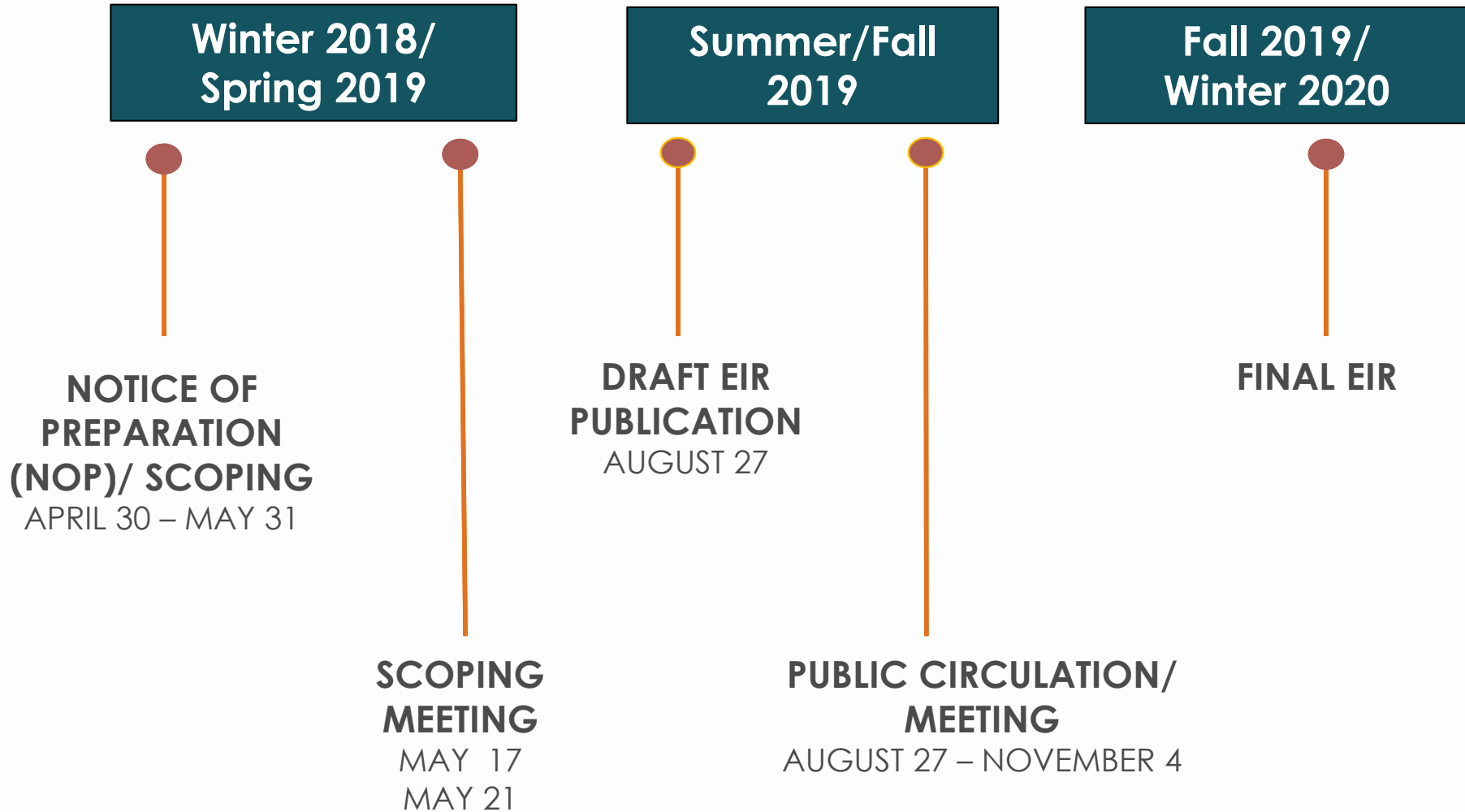
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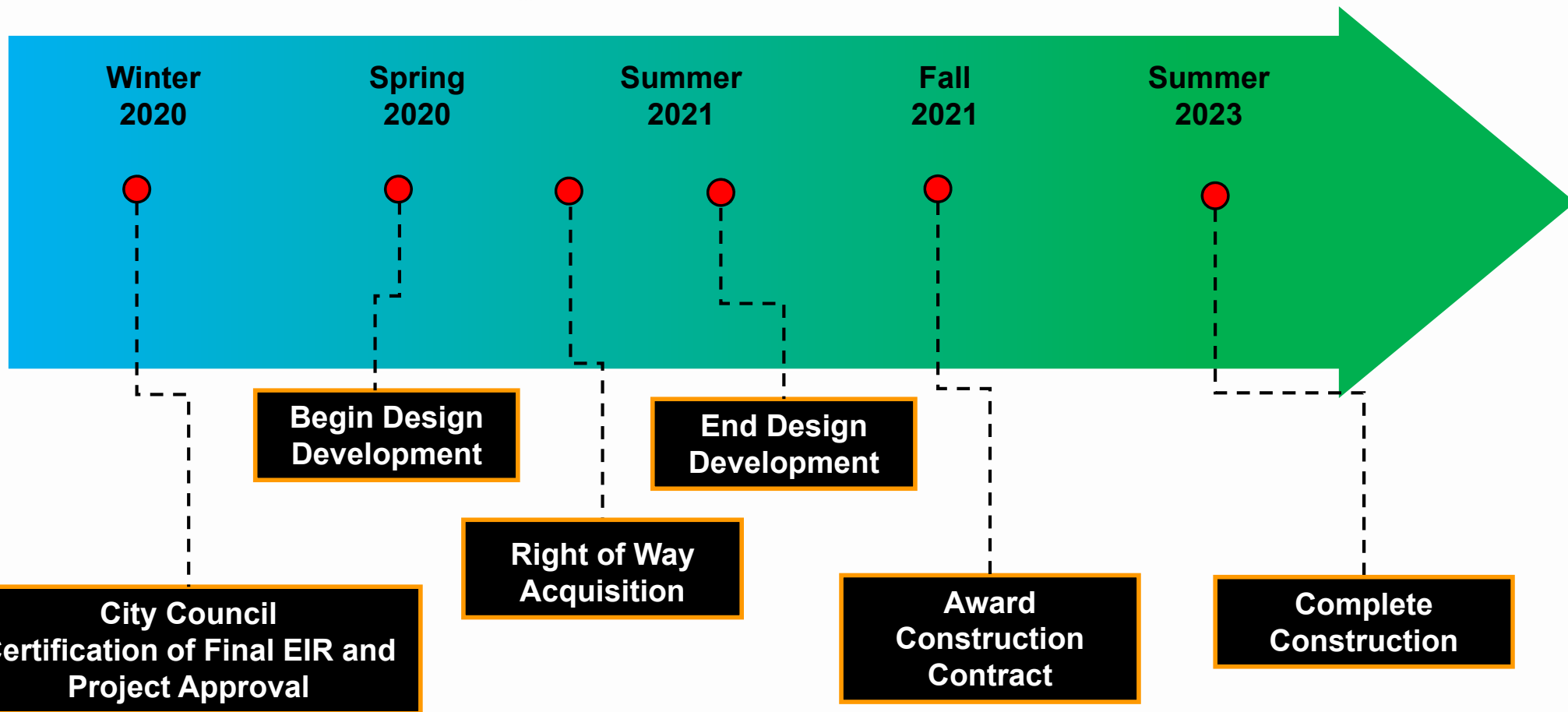
Question and Answer Session



Environmental Document Schedule



Next Steps



Submitting Comments

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by mail



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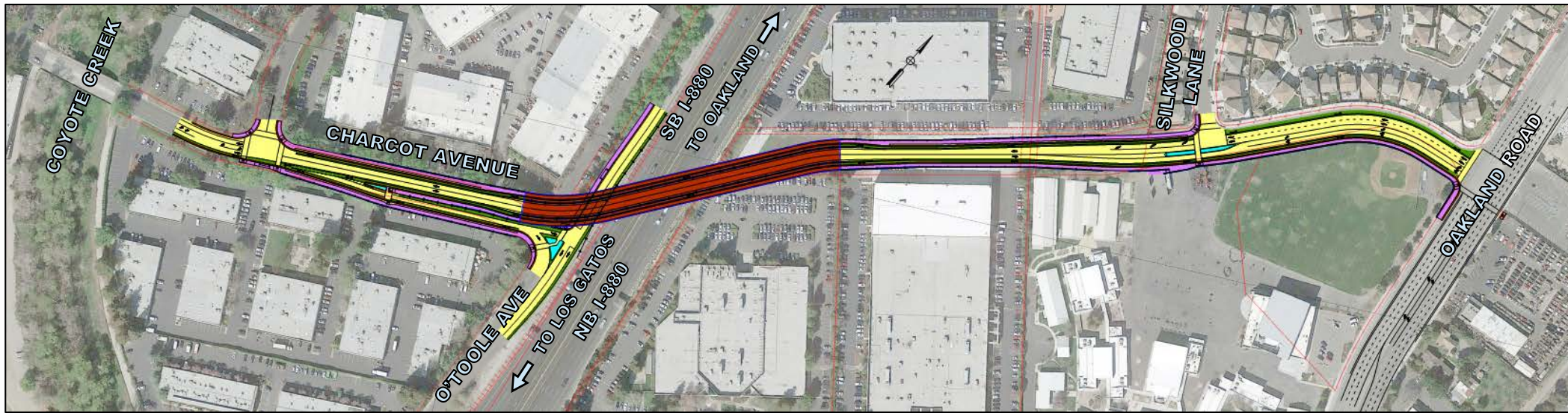


Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on
Monday, November 4, 2019

Adjourn Meeting

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Thank You



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