

Project	Northbound US 101 to Eastbound Interstate 580 Direct Connector
Partners	Caltrans, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Transportation Authority of Marin, City of San Rafael and City of Larkspur
Jurisdiction(s)	Caltrans and City of San Rafael

Scope

Construct a direct connection route between northbound US 101 to eastbound I-580 accessing the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge for travel eastbound toward Contra Costa County. The eastbound approach to the RSR Bridge is one of only two toll bridges in the Bay Area accessed by low speed local roads with traffic signals resulting in traffic delays on local roads and US 101.



Status

In 2018, voters approved Regional Measure 3 to fully fund Alternative 3. This Alternative will be very similar to the existing Bellam off-ramp from US 101, however Bellam Boulevard will be crossed with an elevated structure. I-580 will be widened to three lanes. The RM3 funds are expected to be available starting in early 2019. However, RM3 projects are to be funded by toll revenue over many years. TAM is attempting to have enough funds made available from the initial RM3 allocations to complete the design and environmental process.

Issues/Area of Concern

Approval is required from Caltrans to accept the relatively slow design speed associated with the curve of Alternative 3. Increasing traffic in the area may someday require that the design accommodate the westbound I-580 to southbound US 101 movement. The design for this project must consider rough design of that concept, to accommodate potential future construction.

Updates from Previous Quarterly Report

The project will proceed to the preliminary engineering stage as soon as RM3 funds are released.

Schedule

Planning	2020
Environmental Clearance	2021
Design	2023
Right of Way and Utilities	2023
Construction	2025

Estimated Cost by Project Phase

Planning	\$1,750,000
Environmental Clearance	3,500,000
Design	9,000,000
Right of Way and Utilities	18,000,000
Construction	115,000,000
TOTAL	\$147,250,000

Funding by Source

RM3	\$135,000,000
Measure A Sales Tax	250,000
TBD (shortfall)	12,000,000
TOTAL	\$147,250,000