

## Via las Cumbres Interchange and Freeway Improvements

March 10, 2017





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- Presentation by Caltrans
- Group Discussion
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# **Current Proposed Streets**





# **Completed Streets**







**Next Steps** 



- No decisions on future roadways will be made today
- Caltrans will finish their analysis, which will be posted to the project website when available
- Additional modeling analysis will be completed as part of development of the mobility element
- Need to have a clear understanding of the benefits/drawbacks in comparison to cost to make a decision

Via Las Cumbres Feasibility Study Alternatives

Mission Valley Community Update Subcommittee Meeting

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## **Caltrans –** Who are we?

- Mission Statement Provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability.
- Strategic Management Plan (performance measure driven)
  - Safety and Health
  - Stewardship and Efficiency
  - Sustainability, Livability and Economy
  - System Performance
  - Organizational Excellence

## Feasibility Study Background

- The City of San Diego requested Caltrans conduct a "Feasibility Study" to assist in the City's development of the Mobility Element for the Mission Valley Community Plan Update (MVCPU).
- The Study examines 4 different alternative variations.
- The Study is to provide a multimodal active transportation planning-level assessment.
- The Study does not include environmental assessment or traffic analysis.
- The City of San Diego will be the decision making body regarding the Study.

# **Summary of Alternatives**

<ul> <li>ALTERNATIVE 1 (1989 PSR/Variation) (Cost est. \$165 Million)</li> <li>Via Las Cumbres extension and direct connection to Hotel Circle North, Hotel Circle South and I-8</li> <li>Modification of Taylor Street and Roundabout at Hotel Circle Place</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ALTERNATIVE 2: I-8 Corridor Study (SANDAG)</li> <li>Via Las Cumbres Concept</li> <li>ALTERNATIVE 2A (Geometric Details): Tight Diamond Configuration (Cost est. \$170 Million)</li> <li>Extended Via Las Cumbres Connection and tight diamond ramps</li> <li>Hotel Circle South re-alignment provides access to properties as it connects to Via Las Cumbres</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>ALTERNATIVE 3: I-8 Corridor Study (SANDAG)</li> <li>Via Las Cumbres Extension/Hotel Circle Concept One-Way Couplet</li> <li>ALTERNATIVE 3A: Phase 1: Cycle Track and Road Circulator (Cost est. \$70 Million)</li> <li>No Via Las Cumbres extension</li> <li>No I-8 access</li> <li>Bicycle and pedestrian facilities and access to transit stations through a two-way cycle track and sidewalks</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ALTERNATIVE 4 (Cost est. \$100 Million)</li> <li>Phase 1: Skewed Via Las Cumbres Extension to Hotel Circle (No I-8 Access)</li> <li>Via Las Cumbres connects to Hotel Circle but does not directly connect to I-8</li> <li>Phase 2: Skewed Single Point Interchange and Roundabout (Cost est. \$205 Million)</li> <li>Provides direct freeway access to Via Las Cumbres</li> <li>Both phases include features for bicycle and pedestrian access</li> <li>Smaller interchange design footprint</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>ALTERNATIVE 3A: Phase 2: Cycle Track and Road Circulator With Via Las Cumbres Extension (Cost est. 110 Million)</li> <li>Includes Via Las Cumbres extension and Texas U-turns, Hotel Circle North and Hotel Circle South circulator</li> <li>No I-8 access</li> <li>Active transportation and transit access</li> </ul>	

## Alternative 1 (1989 PSR/Variation)



#### **DRAFT CONCEPT**

## **Alternative 1**

Pros	Cons
<ul> <li>Alternative has fewest number of signalized intersections</li> <li>Loop ramp improves signal efficiency</li> <li>Easy access from Hotel Circle North &amp; Hotel Circle South to freeway</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hook ramps and signal proximity not sufficient to store traffic</li> <li>Part of Hotel Circle South diverted behind businesses</li> <li>Major right-of-way impacts</li> </ul>

#### Alternative 2 I-8 Corridor Study (SANDAG) Via Las Cumbres Concept



## Alternative 2A Tight Diamond Configuration (Geometric Details)



## **DRAFT CONCEPT**

Lane Dividers

Ramp Removal

#### Alternative 2A Tight Diamond Configuration

Pros	Cons
<ul> <li>Improves local circulation with addition of Via Las Cumbres Interchange and connection to Friars Road</li> <li>Improves access to I-8 with the addition of the Via Las Cumbres interchange</li> <li>Eliminates poorly functioning I-8 hook ramps</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Heavy volumes</li> <li>Significant right-of-way impacts and cost</li> </ul>

## Alternative 3 I-8 Corridor Study (SANDAG) Via Las Cumbres / Hotel Circle Concept



THIS ALTERNATIVE DOES NOT INCORPORATE ENGINEERING CONCEPTS OR DESIGN.

## Alternative 3A: Phase 1 One-Way Cycle Track and Roadway Circulator – No VLC Extension



## **DRAFT CONCEPT**

Ramp Removal

Park and Ride

#### Alternative 3A: Phase 2 One-Way Cycle Track and Roadway Circulator – VLC Extension



#### **DRAFT CONCEPT**

Texas U-Turns

#### Alternative 3A: Phase 2 One-Way Cycle Track and Roadway Circulator



Texas U-turns

## **Alternative 3A Phases 1 (No Extension)**

Pros	Cons
<ul> <li>Alternative 3A Phase 1</li> <li>Eliminates I-8 hook ramps in EB and WB directions</li> <li>Decreases the number of I-8 on-ramps</li> <li>Class IV Bicycle track facilities that connect to the San Diego River Trail</li> <li>Lowest cost est. alternative</li> <li>Limited right-of-way impacts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Alternative 3A Phase 1</li> <li>Limited overall regional improvements in traffic circulation and flow</li> <li>Limited regional mobility connectivity</li> </ul>

## Alternative 3, 3A Phase 2 (Extension)

Pros	Cons
<ul> <li>Alternative 3, 3A Phase 2</li> <li>Eliminates I-8 hook ramps in EB and WB directions</li> <li>Decreases the number of I-8 on-ramps</li> <li>Class IV Bicycle track facilities that connect to the San Diego River Trail</li> <li>Overall improvements in traffic circulation and flow</li> <li>Overall improvement in regional mobility connectivity</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Alternative 3, 3A Phase 2</li> <li>Creates some out-of-direction travel</li> <li>Right-of-way impacts</li> </ul>

## Alternative 4 – Phase 1

#### **Skewed Via Las Cumbres Extension to Hotel Circle - No I-8 Access**



#### **DRAFT CONCEPT**

# Alternative 4 - Phase 2

**Skewed Single Point Interchange and Roundabout – I-8 Access** 



## **DRAFT CONCEPT**

#### Interstate 5 / Euclid **Skewed Single Point Interchange (Example)**



- Works well in areas of restricted right
- It pushes the restricted ramps to form one ramp intersection instead of two.
- ✓ The cost is substantially more than a regular tight diamond interchange due to the construction of two additional

# **Alternative 4**

Pros	Cons
<ul> <li><i>Phase 1</i></li> <li>Minimum changes to Hotel Circle South</li> <li>Via Las Cumbres can be built prior to fraction</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Phase 1 &amp; 2</li> <li>• Right of way impacts</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>freeway ramp construction</li> <li><i>Phase 2</i></li> <li>Provides direct freeway access to Via Las Cumbres</li> <li>Smaller interchange footprint</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Phase 2</li> <li>Most expensive alternative</li> <li>Project adds five large structures to Mission Valley</li> <li>Requires shifting I-8 to the north to accommodate ramps</li> </ul>

# **Next Steps**

• Caltrans Draft Study – April 2017

Caltrans Final Study – May 2017

• City of San Diego MVCPU Schedule

#### • I-8 Transportation Concept

http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/departments/planning/planningpages/tcr.htm

# Thank you!

# **Questions?**







Next Meeting Date

Friday, April 14, 2017

Subject

Mobility Network Alternatives