

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING
FOR THE
SIR FRANCIS DRAKE BOULEVARD REHABILITATION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

Marin County will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation project. The project proposes various modifications to the Sir Francis Drake Boulevard corridor between Highway 101 and the Ross Town Limits.

The project proposes several traffic flow, pavement, and safety improvements, as well as water main replacement and installation along Sir Francis Drake Boulevard between Highway 101 and the Ross Town limits. Proposed improvements include:

- Repaving of the roadway within the project limits
- Intersection geometric modifications, including adding or reconfiguring turn lanes
- Modernization of traffic signals, phasing, and synchronization in the corridor
- Striping modifications to increase circulation efficiency
- Sidewalk widening, school connectivity improvements, and crosswalk enhancements.
- Replacement and installation of water supply mains in portions of the corridor in conjunction with Marin Municipal Water District (MMWD)
- Accessibility improvements compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
- Installation of drainage improvements and conduits for future projects, including adaptive signal controls and a fiber optic spine for data transmission

Construction is planned over two spring-to-summer periods to minimize traffic impacts during construction. Specific details of the project are provided online at <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/transportation/sir-francis-drake-boulevard-rehabilitation> or <http://bit.ly/2hnz6zSFD>

Marin County is the lead agency, pursuant to the State Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15050) for the preparation of an EIR. This EIR is being prepared by Marin County in accordance with CEQA, the State of California CEQA Guidelines, and County Environmental Impact Review Guidelines. The EIR will evaluate the project with respect to all of the following topical issues, but will focus on some issues more than others:

1) Land Use & Planning	6) Transportation/Traffic	12) Utilities & Service Systems
2) Population & Housing	7) Biological Resources	13) Aesthetics/Visual Resources
3) Geology and Soils	8) Energy & Natural Resources	14) Cultural Resources
4) Hydrology and Water Quality	9) Hazards and Hazardous Materials	15) Agriculture and Forestry Resources
5) Air Quality	10) Noise	16) Greenhouse Gas Emissions
	11) Public Services and Recreation	17) Mineral Resources

To ensure that the EIR for this project is thorough and adequate, and meets the needs of all agencies reviewing it, we are soliciting comments on specific issues to be included in the environmental review. Public comments on the scope of issues to be evaluated in the EIR are encouraged. Details of the proposed project are available on the project website: <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/transportation/sir-francis-drake-boulevard-rehabilitation> or <http://bit.ly/2hnz6zSFD>.

So that the EIR will address any additional issues that may be of concern to the public for this proposed project, the County will also conduct a public scoping meeting on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Bacich School Multipurpose Room, 699 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard, Kentfield.** Public Agencies, Community Groups and interested members of the public are invited to attend this meeting and present verbal or written comments on the proposed project. Hard copies of the scoping session materials will not be distributed in advance of the meeting. However, the scoping session materials can be found on the project website, <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/pw/divisions/transportation/sir-francis-drake-boulevard-rehabilitation>, or <http://bit.ly/2hnz6zSFD>, and will be available in hard copy at the scoping session. You may also subscribe to the project website and receive notices of future project meetings or when updated information is posted to the page.

If you wish to comment during the Notice of Preparation (NOP) comment period, or if you cannot attend the scoping meeting, we will accept written comments about the scope of the environmental report until the close of the NOP comment period at **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.** Commenters are advised to mail written comments postmarked on or before January 17, 2017 to the attention of Rachel Reid, Environmental Planning Manager at 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308, San Rafael, CA 94903. Comments can also be submitted via email to sfrakeimprovements@marincounty.org before the end of the comment period deadline.

Please direct questions about the project description to Dan Dawson, AICP, Principal Transportation Planner in the Department of Public Works at (415) 473-6287.

Rachel Reid,
Environmental Planning Manager



The Bacich School Multipurpose Room is accessible to persons with disabilities. If you require American Sign Language interpreters, assistive listening devices, or if you require this document in an alternate format (example: Braille, Large Print, Audiotape, CD-ROM), or if you require other accommodations to participate in this meeting, you may request them by calling (415) 473-2255 (voice/TTY) or 711 for the California Relay Service or e-mailing disabilityaccess@marincounty.org at least **four working days** in advance of the event.

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1-Sir Francis Drake Boulevard Rehabilitation Project Limits

