

PRESENTATION

ROUTE ADOPTION PROJECT

PROCESS OVERVIEW

North County Corridor State Route 108 Route Adoption Project Process Overview

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has a process for route adoptions which includes establishing the need for the route, analyzing route alternatives, conducting environmental studies, and presenting the information to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for the Commission's action. The route adoption process is described in the Caltrans *Project Development and Procedures Manual*. An overview of the process is provided here.

Route Adoption Process

Establish Need for Route Adoption

- A new corridor for an existing route
- Establishing a location for an un-constructed route
- Conversion of a conventional highway to a freeway or a controlled access highway
- Designating a traversable highway

Define Alternatives for Further Study

- A route is considered new when additional right-of-way is required not substantially contiguous with the existing highway right-of-way.
 - Substantially contiguous is defined in the Caltrans Project Development and Procedures Manual 07/01/99 23-3 Part 3

Complete Environmental Studies

- Prepare and Circulate California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Draft Environmental Document
- Conduct Public Hearing
- Identify and select the preferred alternative
- Approve CEQA Final Environmental Document
- Prepare CEQA Notice of Determination
 - Caltrans
 - Local CEQA Responsible Agencies
- Approve Final Project Report

California Transportation Commission Action

- Prepare official route adoption map
- Prepare CTC resolution and route adoption documents
- Place action of the CTC agenda
- CTC takes action on the route adoption request

What happens after the CTC Action?

- Caltrans notifies cities and counties impacted
- Local agencies incorporate new alignment into general plans
- Addressing minor deviations from the adopted corridor
 - Minor deviations for engineering reasons
- Addressing alignments outside adopted corridors
 - Requires reopening the route studies process and subsequent CTC action.