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I-405 AUXILIARY LANES UPDATE

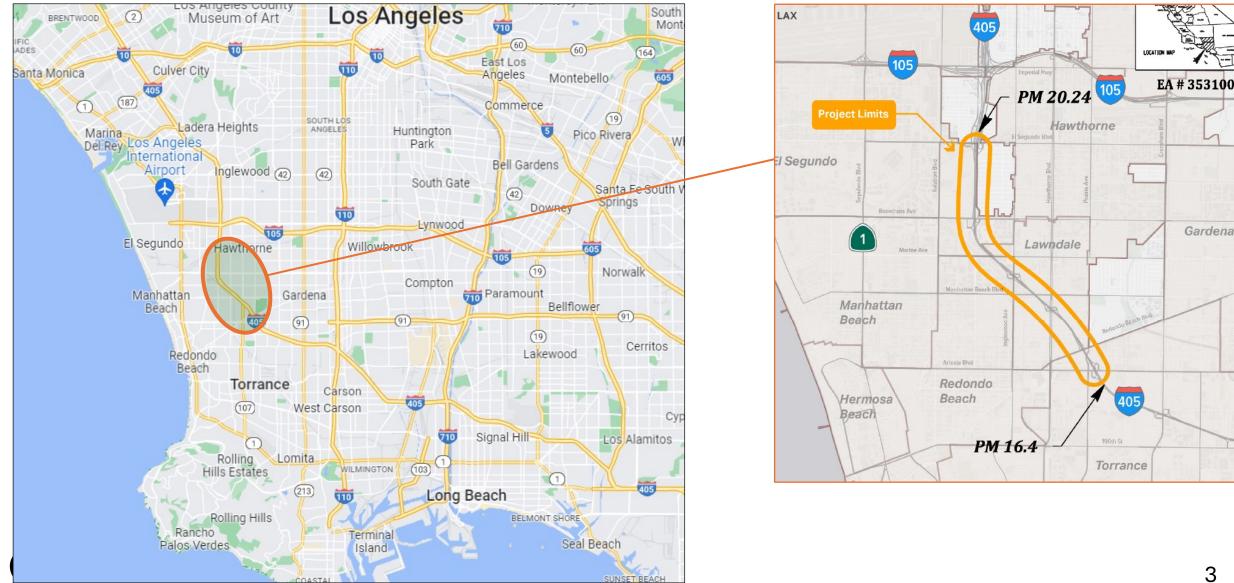


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## I-405 Auxiliary Lanes Update &

- I-405 between Artesia Blvd and El Segundo Blvd &
- I-405 between Wilmington Ave to Main St

# I-405 between Artesia Blvd and El Segundo Blvd



# **Auxiliary Lane Limits**

#### **Legend**

- SB Auxiliary Lane (4)

#### **Project Overview**

- Two Ramp Reconstructions
- Three Retaining Walls
- Five Sound Walls
- Six Bridge Widenings
- Four Cities (Hawthorne, Lawndale, Redondo Beach and Torrance)



### **Project Purpose and Need**

#### What is the Purpose of the Project?

- Improve traffic time reliability by reducing congestion on the I-405 between Artesia Blvd and El Segundo Blvd
- Improve safety and minimize queuing and blocking through the enhancement of confluence areas and vehicular storage on the I-405 mainline
- Reduce peak period travel times along the I-405

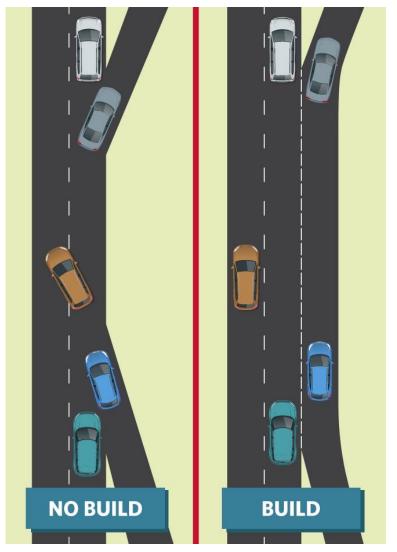
#### What is the Need of the Project?

- Data shows declining operations conditions and congestion within project limits and during peak travel periods.
- Deficiencies are the result of insufficient vehicular storage and weaving from automobiles entering and existing the system.

#### **Auxiliary Lanes Overview**

#### What are Auxiliary Lanes?

- Auxiliary lanes are short distance lanes located between entrance/exit ramps designed to allow for speed change, weaving, and other safety purposes to help with efficient traffic movement.
- Non-continuous lanes connected between on- and off-ramps.
- Do not function as general-purpose lanes.
- Provide more space and time for traffic to enter and exit the freeway.
- Reduces vehicle movement conflict points

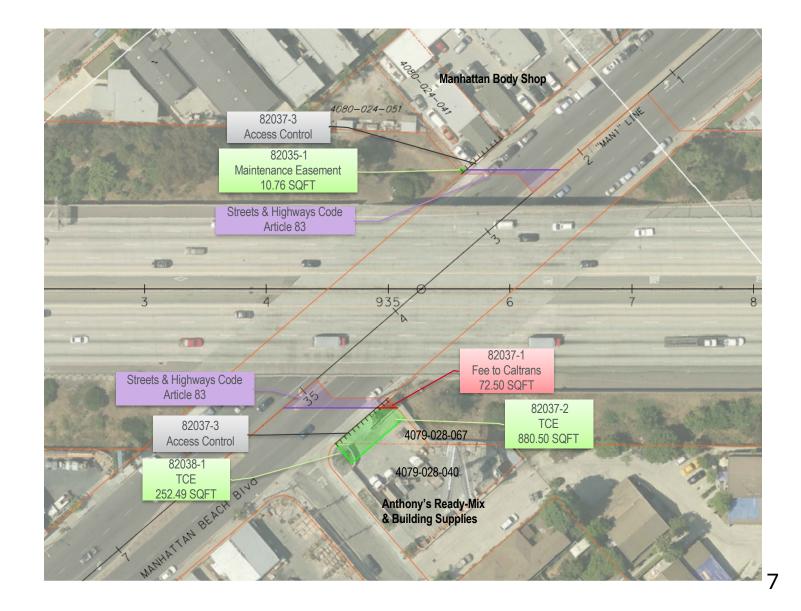


Example of roadway without and with auxiliary lanes

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# **ROW Status – Manhattan Beach Blvd**

- 2 TCEs/1 Permanent Easement/1 Fee
- 2 City Streets Highways Code
- PD-26 and Appraisal Maps Approved
- Legals and Plats Approved
- HMDD Approved
- Notice of Decision to Appraise sent 1/23/24
- Obtained Metro Appraisal Review



Activity	Proposed Date
65% PS&E (Structures) Package 1	12/1/23
65% PS&E (Structures) Package 2	1/8/24
95% PS&E (Roadway and Structures)	7/2/24
100% PS&E	10/25/24
Ready To List	6/20/25
Advertise	9/20/25*

\* Dependent on Construction Funding

### **Project Coordination**

- City Contacts
  - Lawndale Ahmad Ansari
  - Hawthorne Akbar Farokhi
  - $\circ$  Redondo Beach Ted Semaan
  - Torrance Elizabeth Overstreet
- Coordination Meeting April 25, 2022
  - Lawndale, Torrance, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach
  - $\circ~$  Purpose and Need
  - $\,\circ\,$  Local street improvements and the Green Line
  - o Noise
  - $\circ$  Landscaping

### **Project Coordination**

- Coordination Meeting October 4, 2022
  - $\circ~$  Lawndale, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach
  - Aesthetic Features
  - $\circ$  Landscaping
- Coordination Meetings April & March 2024
  - Lawndale, Hawthorne, Redondo Beach
  - Aesthetic Features
  - $\circ$  Landscaping
- 95% PS&E Submittal July 2nd, 2024
  - Roadway & Structures PS&E
  - o Staging
  - o TMP

# I-405 between Wilmington Ave to Main St

- Approximately 3-mile corridor
- On I-405 from Wilmington Av to Main St (just south of I-110)
- Over 300,000 vehicles traverse this stretch of freeway daily, making this section of I-405 one of the busiest in the Los Angeles area
- Metro is working in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to propose enhancements that will improve safety and operations in the corridor
- Three alternatives are being evaluated as part of the proposed Project
- These include two build alternatives and one no-build alternative
- Implement complete street elements at freeway interchanges
- No permanent private parcel acquisitions



#### **Project Need & Goals**

#### Why is the Project Needed?

- Operational and weaving deficiencies between freeway interchanges
- Collision rates higher than statewide average
- Lack of connectivity for pedestrians and bicyclists at local interchanges

#### What are the Project Goals?

- Enhancing traffic time reliability and safety along I-405
- Providing equitable, accessible and sustainable travel options
- Promote economic connectivity and improve accessibility for goods movement



#### **Project Map and Alternatives**

Three alternatives are being evaluated as part of the proposed Project:

- Alternative 1 No-Build
- Alternative 2 Auxiliary Lanes and Complete Streets
- Alternative 3 Transportation
  Systems Management (TSM) and
  Transportation Demand
  Management (TDM)



#### **Proposed Improvements**

#### What are Auxiliary Lanes?

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#### What are Complete Streets?

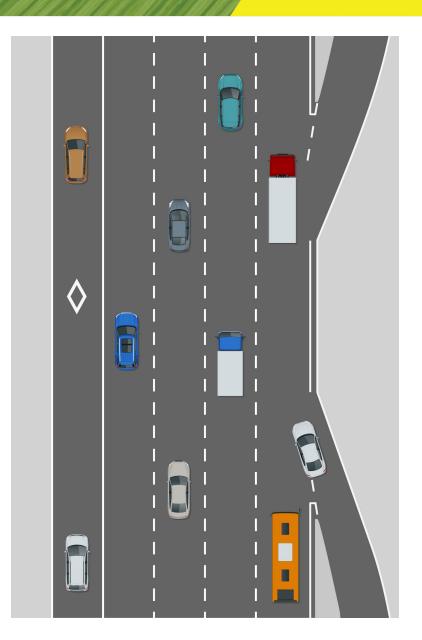
- "Complete Streets" is a method of street design that promotes increased access for all roadway users.
- Complete Streets elements will include ADA compliant sidewalks and curb ramps, additional bicycle facilities, improved lighting, visible crosswalks and accommodations of future transit and multi-modal trail connections

#### What are TSM/TDM strategies?

 Transportation Systems Management (TSM) and Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies include elements to improve traffic management. These may include: CCTV systems to monitor traffic movement, ramp metering and vehicle detection systems, street signal synchronization, turn lane additions, changeable message signs, and more

#### **Alternative 1 – No-Build**

- No improvements would take place
- As traffic demand increases throughout the project corridor, existing operational and safety issues would not be addressed or alleviated
- No multi-modal elements would be implemented



#### **Alternative 2 – Auxiliary Lanes and Complete Streets**

- Implement two auxiliary lanes on northbound I-405 and two auxiliary lanes on southbound I-405
- Implement Complete Streets elements, where feasible
- Implement TSM/TDM elements, where feasible

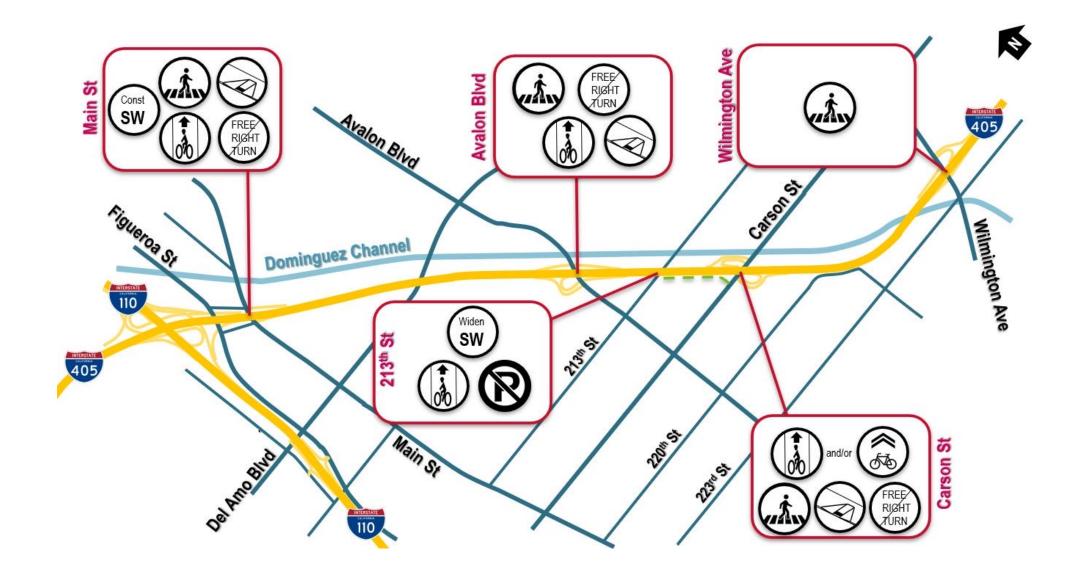


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### Alternative 3 – TSM/TDM



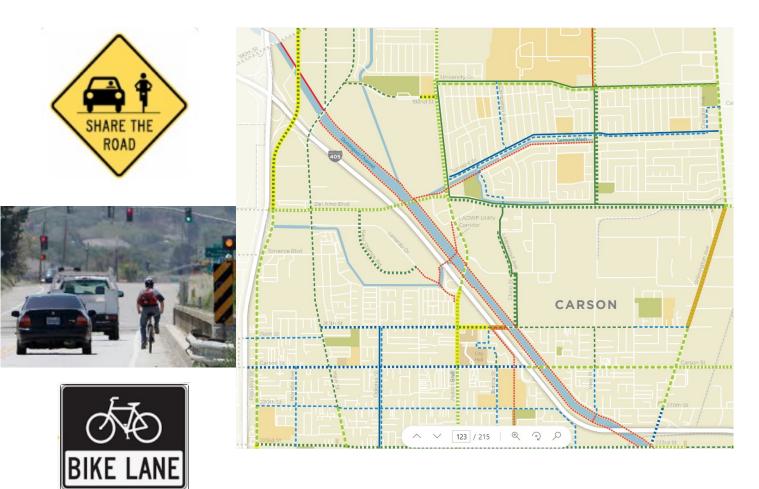
#### **Complete Streets Elements (Alternatives 2 and 3)**



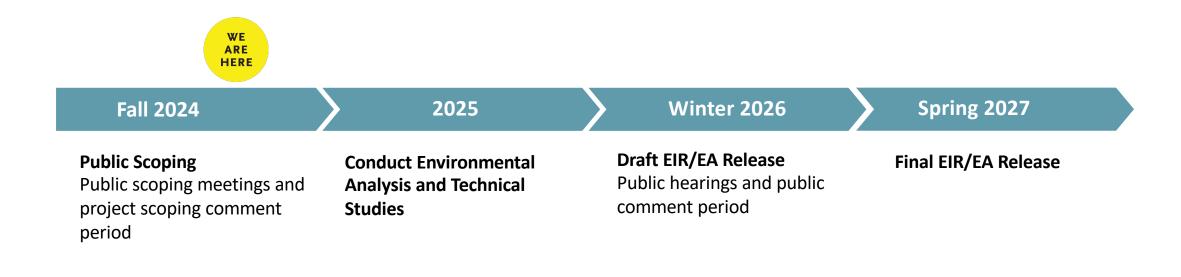
### **Regional Multimodal Benefits**

#### **Bicycle Improvements**

- Evaluate planned and existing complete streets elements
- Improve multimodal connections to Dominguez Channel Trails
- Evaluate Class I and II bikeways on arterial streets
- Evaluate buffered bike lanes on arterial streets



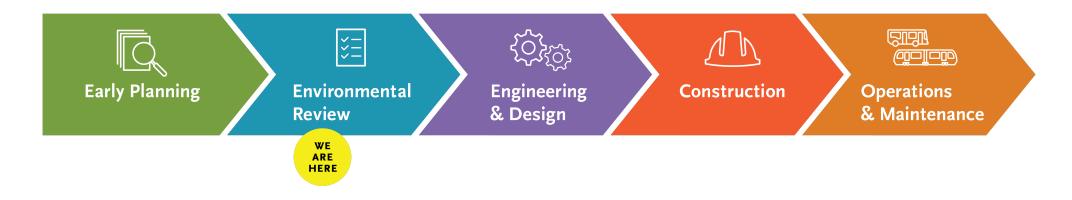
#### **Project Schedule**





#### **Current Status**

- The project is currently beginning the **environmental review process** | CEQA/NEPA
- The process starts with a scoping phase to gather input from public agencies, stakeholders, and the community
- Following the scoping period, technical studies are prepared to assess potential impacts more closely
- After completion of these studies, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and an Environmental Assessment (EA) is prepared
  - Public participation is critical during this phase
  - Opportunities will be provided during key milestones for the community to engage with the project, offer comments, and provide other feedback to help shape the project



# **Q&A** Discussion

