



**Mary Avenue Overcrossing**  
**Environmental Impact Report**  
**Community Meeting**  
*January 17, 2017*

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# Presentation Outline

- Background and history
- Project goals
- Project options to be studied in the EIR
- Project process and timeline
- Community input and questions

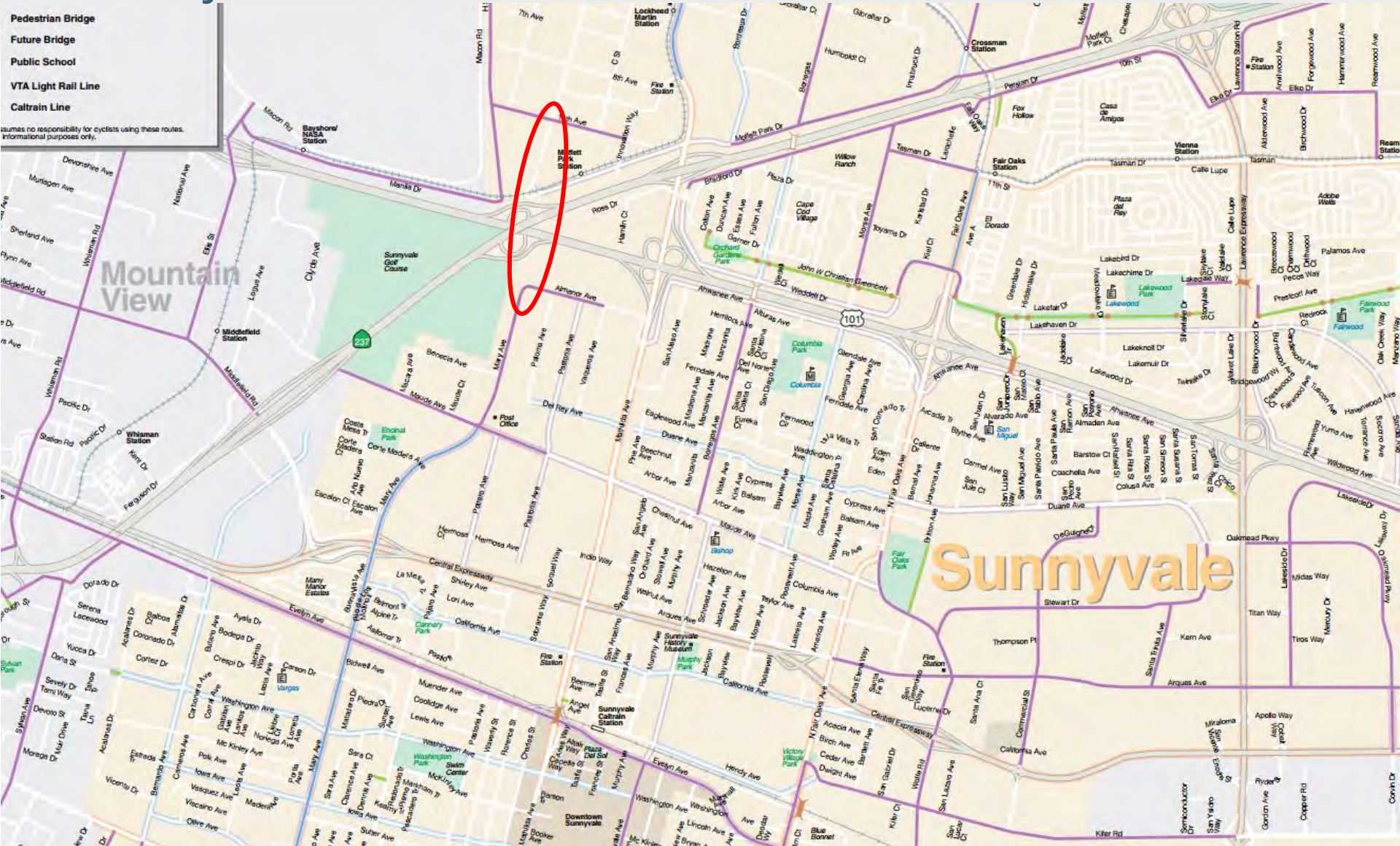






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# Project Location

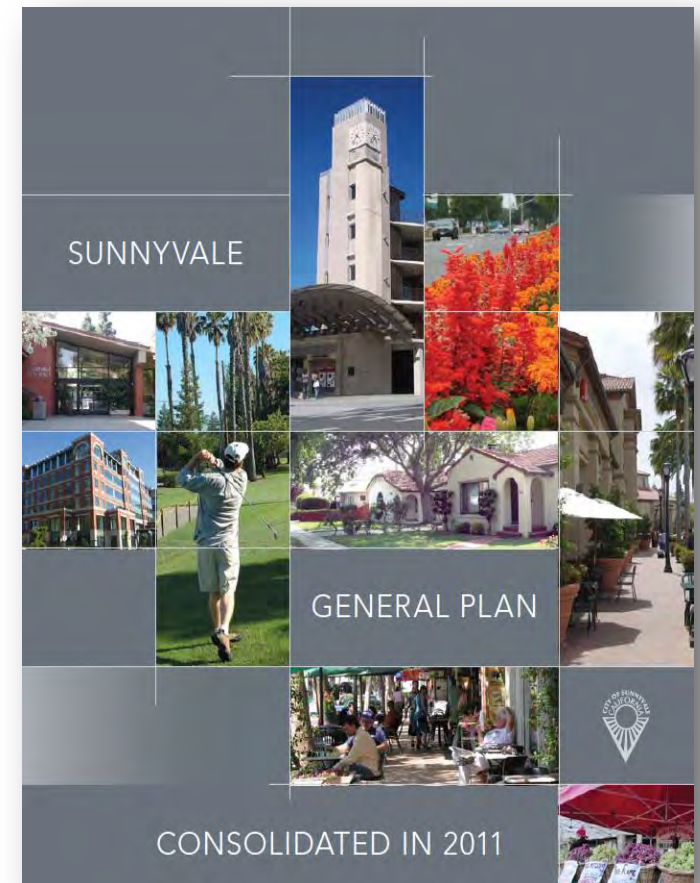






# Sunnyvale Plans Referring to the Project

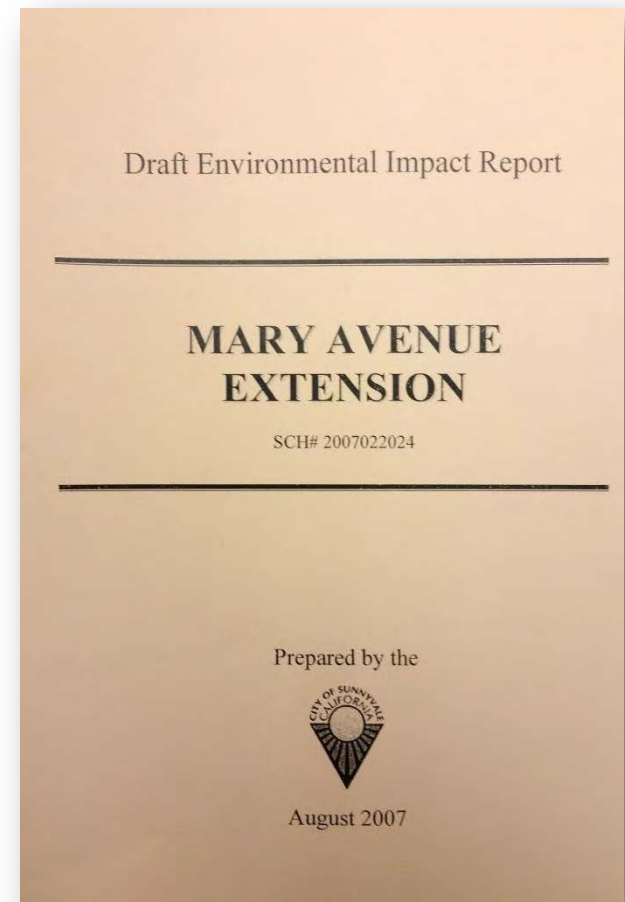
- General Plan 1972, 2011
- Land Use and Transportation Element 1981, 1997, 2017
- Specific Plans 2004, 2013, 2016
- Traffic Impact Fee 2005





# History and Community Concerns

- 2007 Mary Avenue Extension Draft EIR
  - 4-lane configuration
- Community concerns included:
  - Mary Avenue traffic volumes
  - Pedestrian and bicycle safety on Mary Ave
  - Noise, air quality and property values
  - Encouraging use of light rail transit (LRT)
  - Ped/bike access to LRT station and Ross Dr
  - Business impacts during construction
- 2008 Final EIR and Project Study Report
- 2009 Legal Action on EIR
- New project is designed to address prior concerns





# New Legislation Affecting Transportation

- AB 1338 Complete Streets Act 2007
- SB 375 Sustainable Communities Act 2008
- AB 1193 Protected Bikeways Act 2013
- SB 743 Environmental Review 2013



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Revised  
Proposal on  
Updates to  
the CEQA  
Guidelines on  
Evaluating  
Transportation  
Impacts in  
CEQA

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Implementing Senate Bill  
743 (Steinberg, 2013)

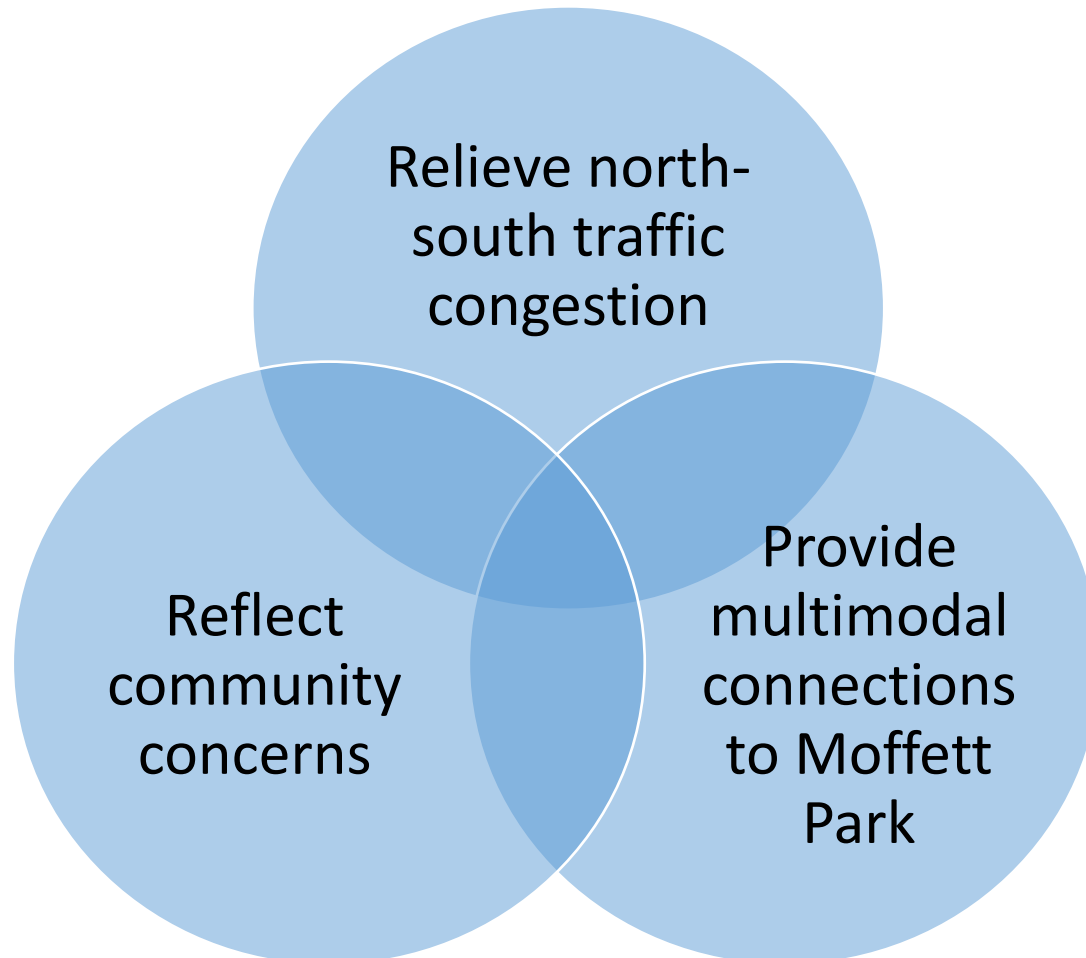
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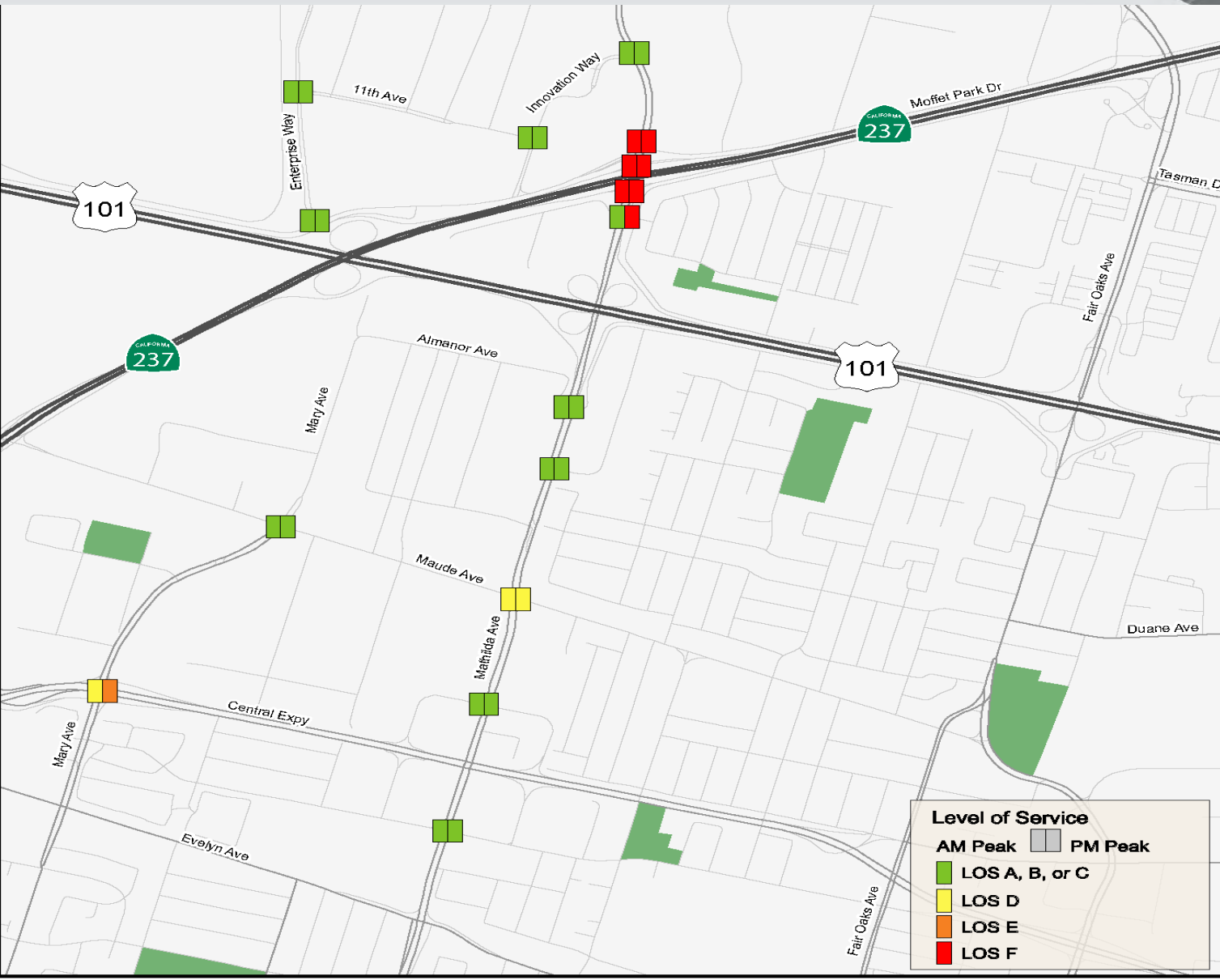
# Goals For Mary Avenue Overcrossing Project



# Mary Avenue Overcrossing Environmental Impact Report



## Traffic Concerns



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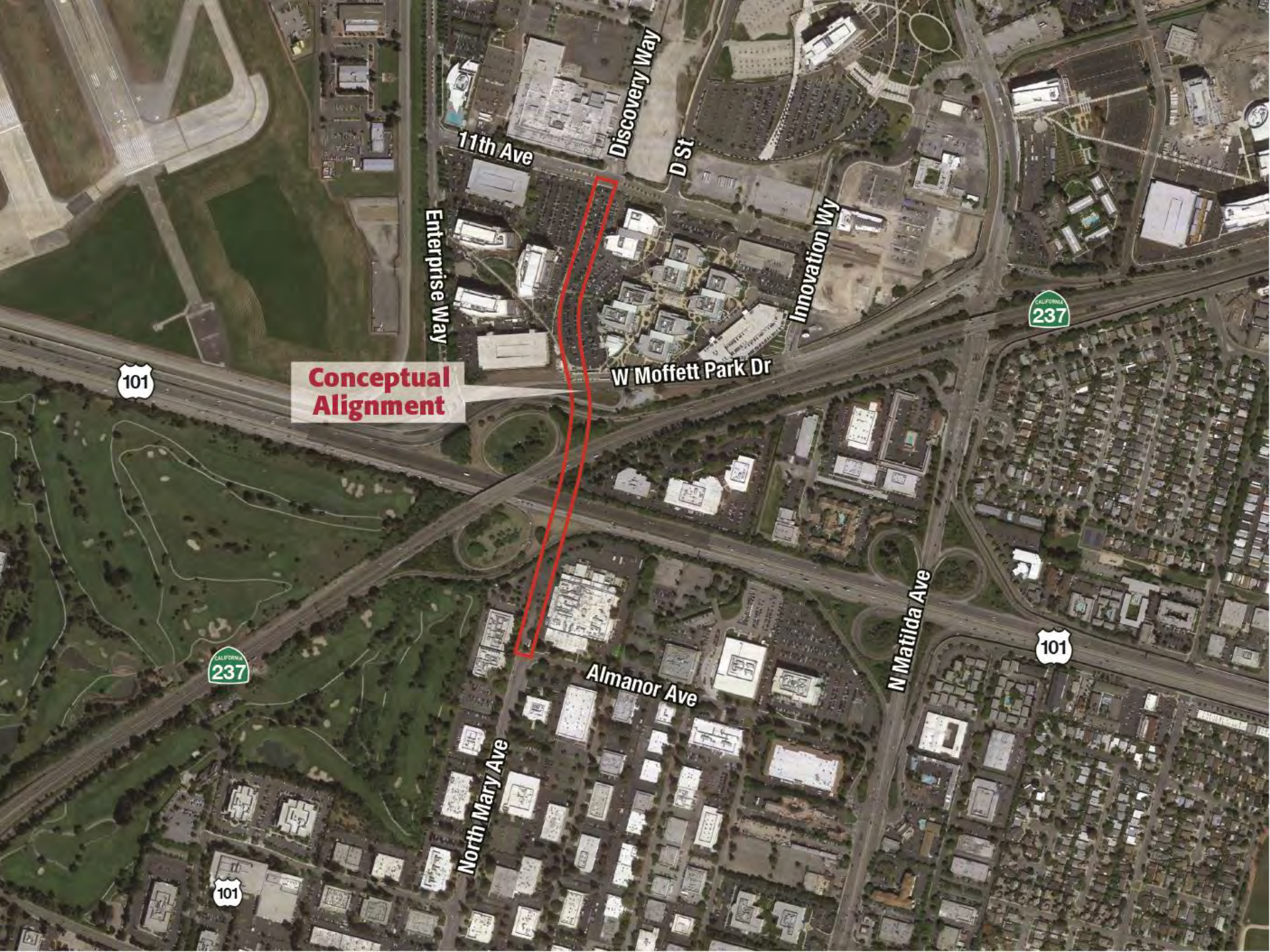


## Project Overview

- At this stage, there is no preferred project option
- This project will fully environmentally review four options
- City Council will then select the preferred option
- Detailed design would occur as a separate, later project (if Council does not select “Remove Project from General Plan”)







**Conceptual  
Alignment**

11th Ave

Discovery Way

D St

Innovation Wy

Enterprise Way

W Moffett Park Dr

Almanor Ave

North Mary Ave

N Matilda Ave

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## Four Proposed Options

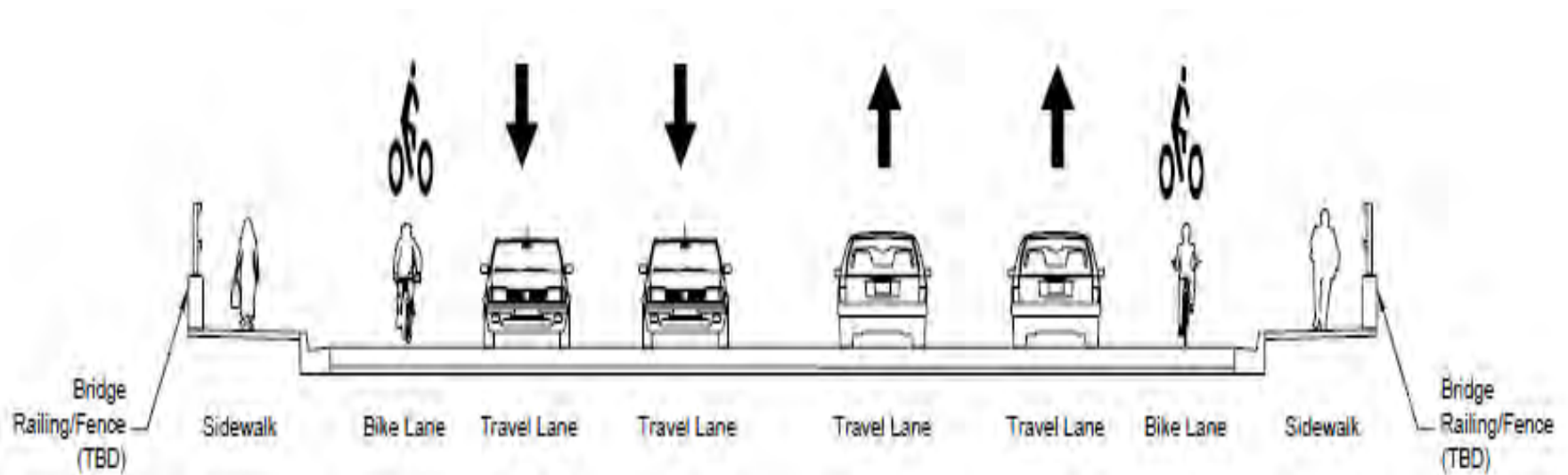
1. Four auto travel lanes plus bike lanes and sidewalks
2. Two auto travel lanes plus enhanced bike lanes and sidewalks
- 3a. Pedestrian / bicycle crossing (no automobiles)
- 3b. Pedestrian / bicycle crossing with facilities for shuttles/buses
4. Removal from the General Plan (no project)





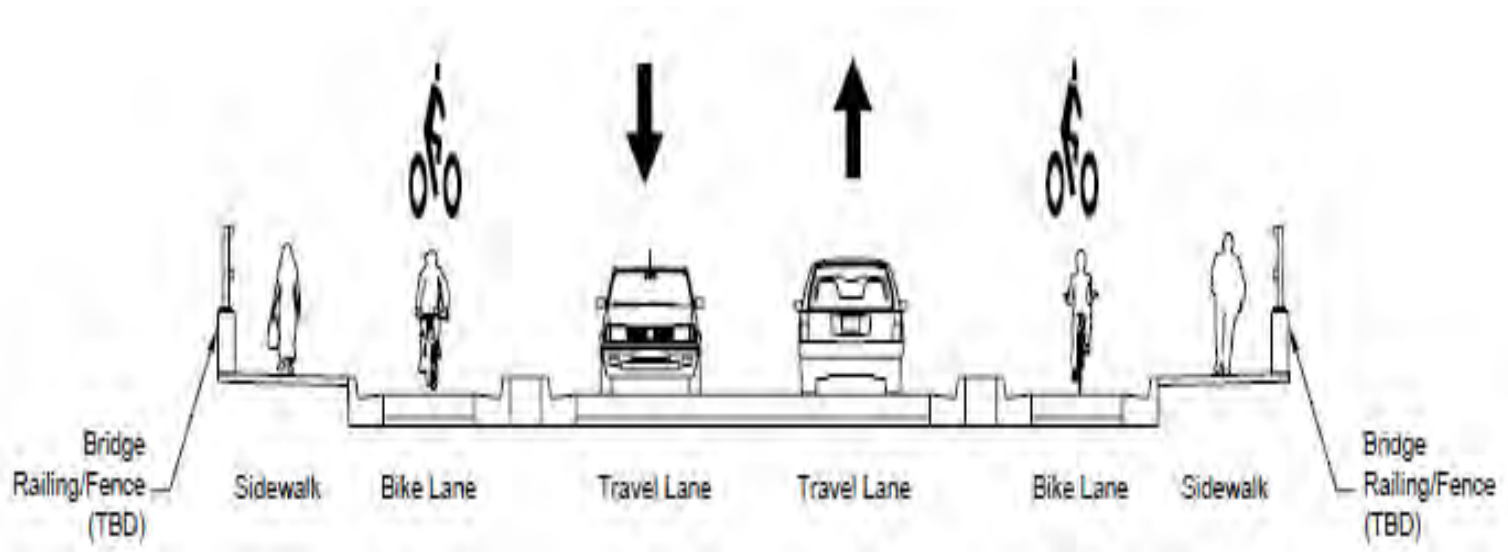


# 1. Four Lane Mary Avenue Option



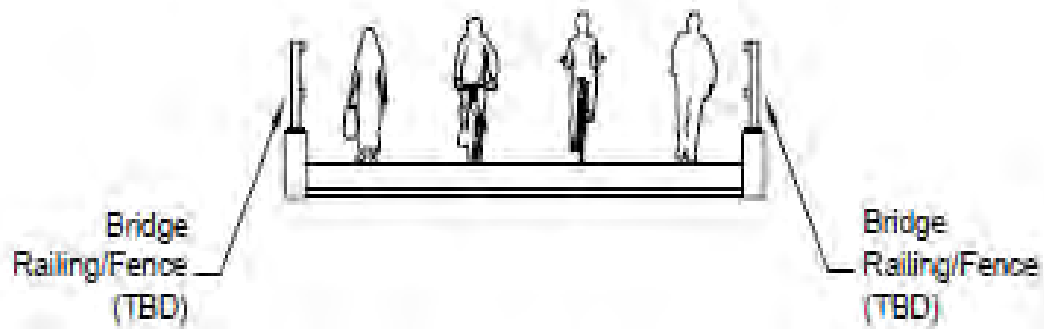


## 2. Two Lane Mary Avenue





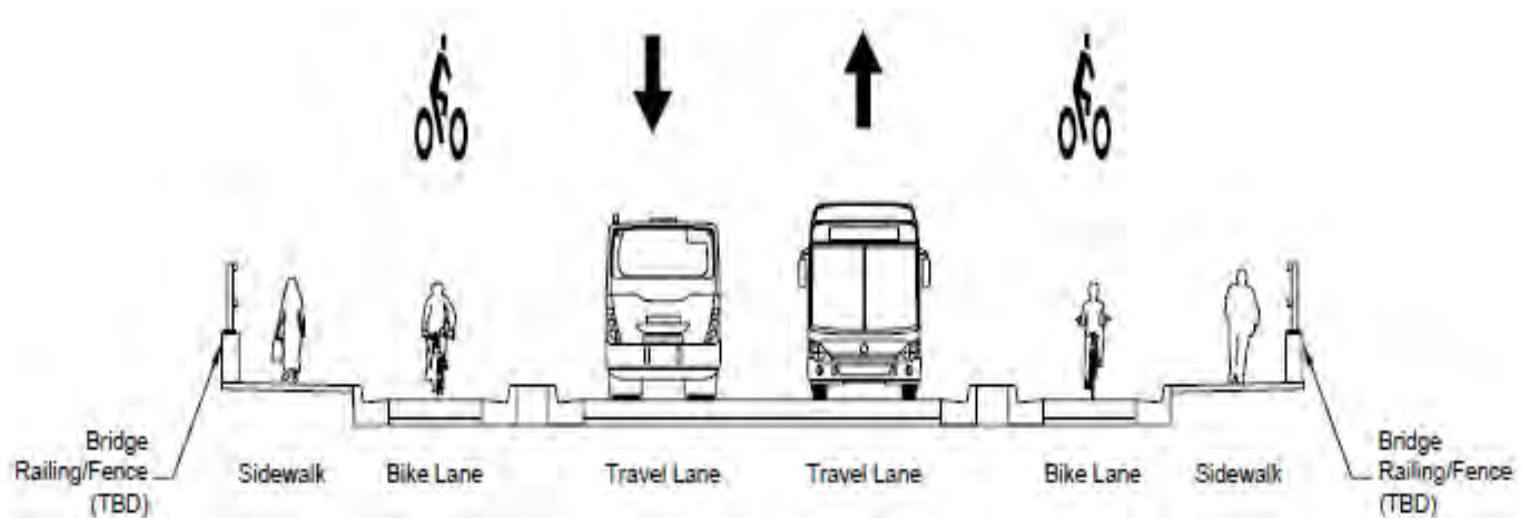
## 3a. Pedestrian/Bike Bridge







## 3b. Pedestrian/Bike/Transit Bridge





## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- 1970 State of California environmental law
- Purpose of CEQA:
  - Inform governmental decision makers and the public
  - Identify ways environmental impacts can be reduced or avoided
  - Prevent significant environmental impacts by requiring changes, alternatives, or mitigation measures
  - Disclose to the public why a project was approved if the project involves significant impacts





# Intent of the Mary Avenue Project EIR

## The EIR Will:

- Review environmental impacts of all four overcrossing options
- Consider concepts and impacts associated with the four overcrossing options
- Examine bike facilities as part of Options 1 – 3
- Consider traffic impacts including trips from future foreseeable developments

## The EIR Will Not:

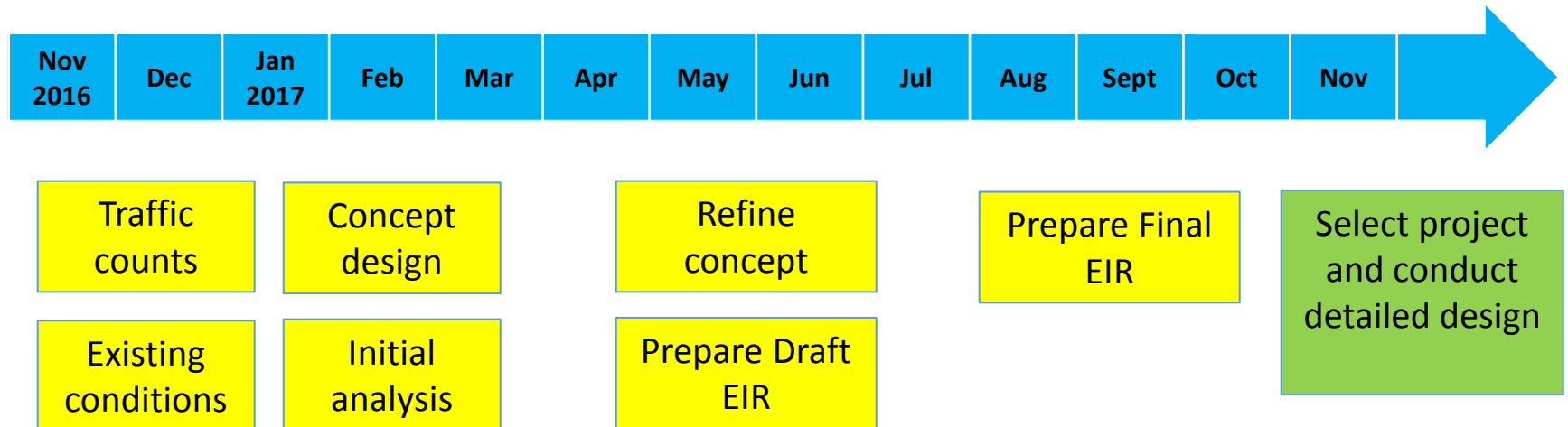
- Select and conduct detailed design of the preferred overcrossing option
- Consider options that turn Mary into an expressway or freeway on/off ramp
- Re-evaluate Mary Avenue bike lanes project (south of Maude)
- Reconsider permitting for developments in the area (covered in GP, LUTE, and individual entitlement process)





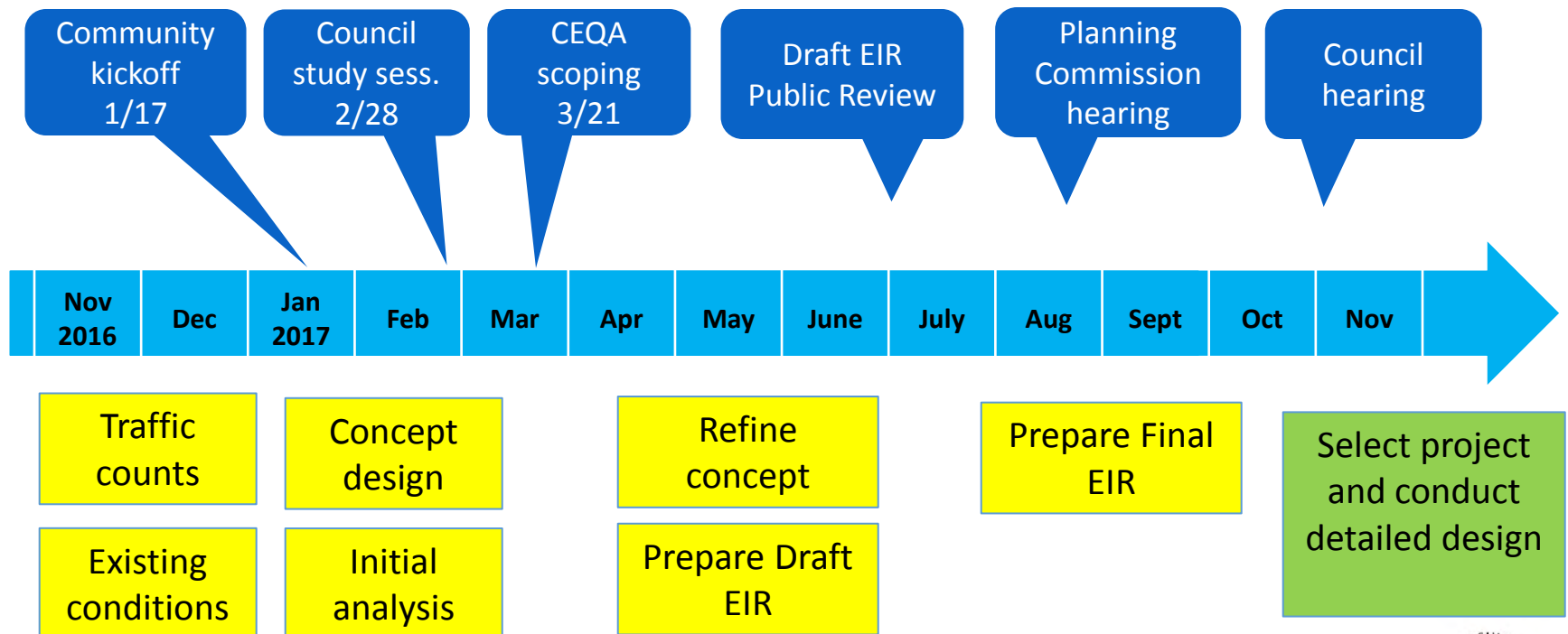


# Project Timeline





# Opportunities for Public Input





# Project Communications

- Project website  
<http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/PublicWorksHotTopics/MaryAvenueOvercrossing.aspx>
- City website: (upcoming events)
- Postcards to residents (2902 addresses)
- Neighborhood Yahoo! Group (126 members)
- Nextdoor (62 groups: >20,000 residents)
- Email blasts
  - Council, Planning Commission, Bike/Ped Advisory Commission
  - Project mailing list







## Discussion Topics

1. What needs to be clarified regarding the project and/or process?
2. What are your key concerns?
3. Do you have preliminary input on how to make each alternative work best?
4. How would you like to receive information on this project?





# Save the Date!

## Council Study Session

5–6 p.m. Tuesday, February 28, 2017

West Conference Room, City Hall, 456 W Olive Avenue

## Community Meeting

6:30–8:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Columbia Neighborhood Center, Morse Street

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# Thank you!

