

Subject	Caltrans Request to Add the I-580/Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure to List of Project Study Reports (PSRs) for FY 2008–09
Summary of Issues	Caltrans, MTC, ABAG and the City of Richmond have agreed, in concept, to develop a project to close a gap on the Bay Trail through Chevron property and across I-580 at the eastern terminus of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. Besides being part of the Bay Trail, this proposed facility is a component of the Authority’s adopted Countywide Bikeway Network. Caltrans has requested that the Authority support the addition of the I-580/Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure project to the Project Study Report list for Contra Costa for FY 2008–09.
Recommendations	Staff recommends support for the addition of the I-580/Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure project to the FY 2008–09 PSR/PID Recommended list.
Financial Implications	Projects without a PSR or PSR-equivalent are not eligible for STIP funding. PSRs performed by Caltrans are prepared at no cost to the Authority, and are not counted towards the county share of available funding.
Options	Authority may choose not to support adding the I-580/Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure to the PSR project list of FY 2008-09
Attachments	None
Changes from Committee	<i>None</i>

Background

In February of this year, the Authority approved its recommended list of Project Study Report/Project Initiation Documents (PSR/PID) for fiscal year 2008–2009. Projects cannot be included in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) unless they have an approved Project Study Report (PSR) or equivalent. This requirement is intended to ensure that the project scope, cost, and schedule have been adequately defined and justified. In addition, the PSR/PID recommended list enables Caltrans to concentrate their available resources on working on projects that are on the State highway System, supported by the Authority, and important to Contra Costa.

More recently, Caltrans, MTC, ABAG, and the City of Richmond agreed in concept to the development of the I-580/Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure project. This project would fill a gap in both the Bay Trail and the Authority’s Countywide Bikeway Network. Currently, bicyclists and pedestrians do not have a clear, direct and separate way of getting across I-580 at the eastern end of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge. (This location was the site of a fatal collision with a cyclist within the last two years.) Discussion among the parties has been underway for several years and the recent agreement is a major step forward in completing the project.

Caltrans has recently asked that the Authority support the addition of the I-580/Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure project to the list of recommended PSRs for Contra Costa. The revised list of PSRs and PIDs would include:

CURRENTLY ACTIVE PROJECTS

- SR4: Transit Hub / Park & Ride at I-680/SR4 I/C.
- SR4: Phillips Lane I/C in Antioch.
- I-80: Central Ave. I/C improvements
- I-680: New interchange at 680/Norris Canyon Road O/C for HOV Ramps
- I-680: SB HOV gap closure from N. Main St. to Livorna Rd.
- I-680: Restripe SB interim HOV extension
- I-580 and Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure (*New Proposed Project*)

PROJECTS PROPOSED FOR FY 2008/09 AND FUTURE WORK

- SR4: SR4 Bypass to San Joaquin County Line
- SR242: New on and off-ramps at Clayton Rd
- I-680: HOV lane gap closure between I-580 and Alcosta Blvd
- I-680: Interchange modification at Marina Vista
- I-680: Operational improvements from N Main St. to SR-242
- I-80: Pinole Valley Road Ramp Modification
- SR239: Brentwood to Tracy
- Richmond Parkway upgrade

There were three projects that were removed from the PSR recommended list because work on them is being done through different Caltrans review processes. These projects are:

- SR4: Willow Ramps I/C Modification from I-80 to Willow Ave. OC in Hercules.
- SR4: Relinquish from SR 4/160 junction to Marsh Creek Road; Adopt from one mile east of SR-4/Hillcrest Ave I/C to SR-4/Marsh Cr Rd intersection.
- SR123: Streetscape improvement San Pablo Ave.

The updated PSR recommended project list includes all currently active PSRs and other PSRs proposed for FY2008-09 and future work. Staff recommends that the Authority support the addition of the I-580 /Chevron Bicycle and Pedestrian Gap Closure project and forward the PSR recommended project list to Caltrans.