

# FACT SHEET: **Highways**

## **Route 87 Planting Project**

### **Overview**

The Route 87 Planting Project features 6.5 miles of new landscaping from Chynoweth Avenue to Virginia Street, and from Auzerais Avenue to Julian Street along Route 87 in San Jose. The landscape effort includes replacement planting, automatic irrigation systems, erosion control work and a three-year plant maintenance period.

### **Features**

- More than 800 trees will be planted along Route 87 including: several types of evergreens, crape myrtles, pines, Chinese pistaches and cherry plums; shrubs and ground covers.
- A three-year plant maintenance period will be provided by the contractor.
- The trees will help reduce greenhouse gases, filter pollutants therefore providing cleaner air.
- Landscape improvements to bike path trailheads.

### **Objective**

The Route 87 Planting Project will feature new trees, shrubs and ground cover to provide environmental and visual benefits to users of the bike path adjacent to the highway.

### **Operations**

Caltrans operates and maintains the highway and interchanges. The City of San Jose operates and maintains the local streets.

Upon completion of the planting project, Caltrans will maintain the landscaping improvements.

### **Capital Cost/Project Funding**

The total capital cost is \$4.6 million of which \$2.5 million are Federal funds and \$2.1 million are local funds.

### **Project Schedule**

Begin: Late 2008  
Complete: Early 2010  
Maintenance Period: Early 2010 - Early 2013

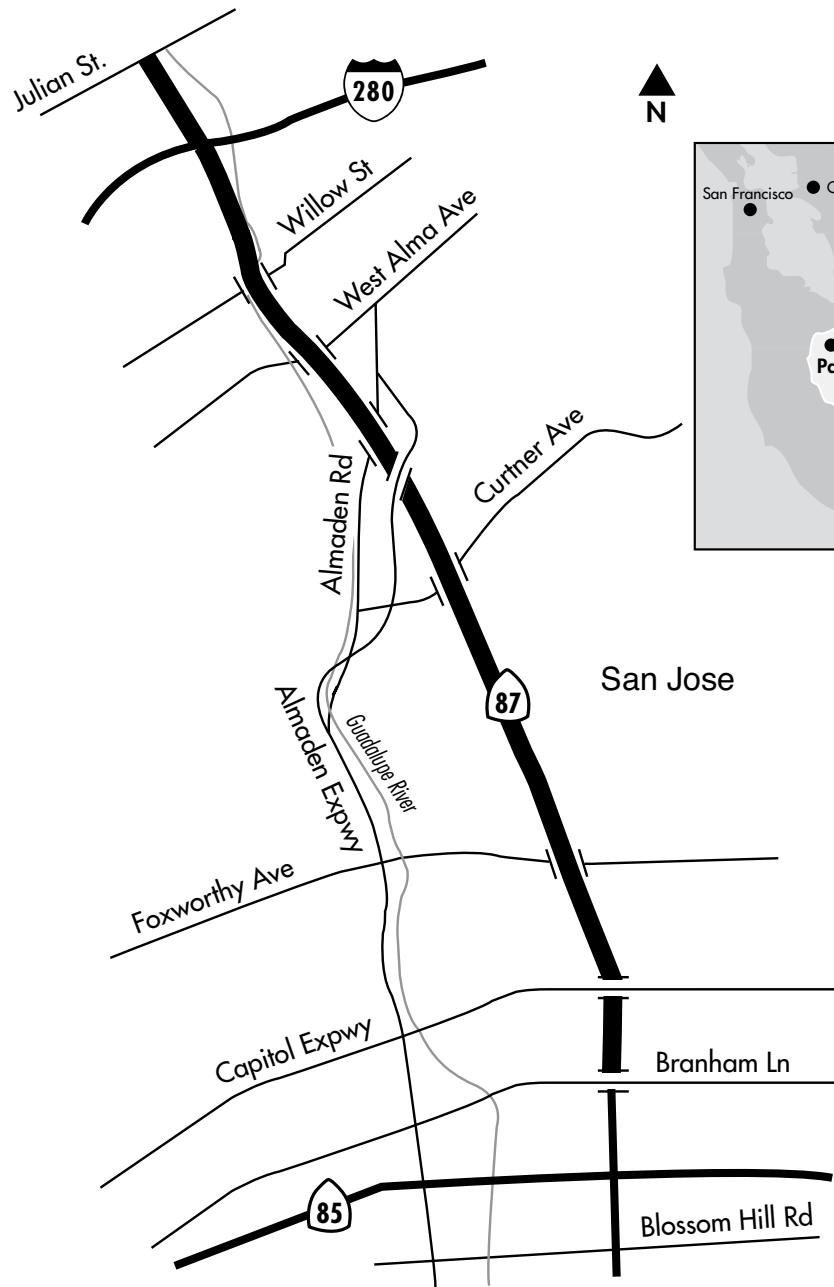
### **How to Reach Us**

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### **Project Funding Partners**



# Route 87 HOV Lanes Project (between Branham Lane and I-280)



## LEGEND

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