



FACT SHEET: Bike & Pedestrian

Across Barrier Connections Plan: Improving Pedestrian & Bicycle Connections Across Freeways

Overview

VTA is developing the Across Barrier Connections Plan: Improving Pedestrian and Bicycle Connections Across Freeways (ABC Plan). The ABC Plan will identify and prioritize locations in Santa Clara County where bicycle and pedestrian improvements across Caltrans' limited-access freeways can significantly benefit neighboring communities and encourage walking and bicycling.

**Limited access freeways within Santa Clara County include Highway 101, Interstate 280, Interstate 680, Interstate 880, State Route 17, State Route 85, State Route 87, and State Route 237.*

Project Features

Focus Areas: The ABC Plan is a countywide effort and will have a focus on Santa Clara County's underserved communities that experience more severe pedestrian and bicycle crashes, worse pollution, and greater connectivity barriers than other parts of the county.

Analyses: The ABC Plan will evaluate conditions within 1,000 feet of freeways; research and evaluate the historical impacts of freeway construction on communities; evaluate the current impact of freeways on community connectivity, health, and safety; evaluate current and future land use and destinations; and develop the plan to meet community needs and desires.

Improvements: Improvements could range from safe-systems approach countermeasures, freeway ramp modifications, new or improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure through interchanges or along overpasses/underpasses, and new or improved pedestrian/bicycle bridges across freeways, to interchange redesigns.

Outcomes: The completed ABC Plan will feature a prioritized list of locations along the state limited-access freeway system where infrastructure improvements can improve pedestrian and bicycle safety and connectivity, conceptual designs for up to five locations, along with implementation strategies for moving the recommended improvements into the next stages of development.

Community Engagement Process

Engagement with community members, local jurisdiction staff, and community-based organizations is a critical part of the ABC Plan process. The project team aims to use a variety of methods to engage the community at different stages of the ABC Plan, including virtual community workshops, event pop-ups, stakeholder interviews, and more.



Project Schedule

Existing Conditions Analysis	November 2025 - March 2026
Identify, Analyze, & Prioritize Locations for Improvement	December 2025 - May 2026
Community Engagement	January 2026 - June 2027
Development of Strategies, Concepts, & Cost Estimates	May 2026 - October 2026
Final Plan Completed	June 2027

Project Funding

- Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant FY24-25 (\$695,200)
- Local Match – Congestion Management Program (\$184,800)
- Total Project Cost (\$880,000)

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