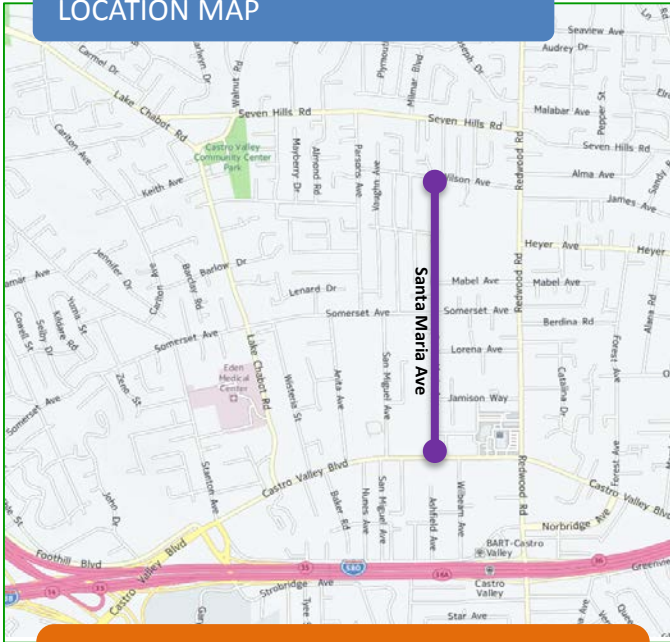




Public Works Agency
— Alameda County —

Santa Maria Avenue Improvement Project FACT SHEET

LOCATION MAP



PROJECT LIMITS: Castro Valley Blvd. to Wilson Avenue

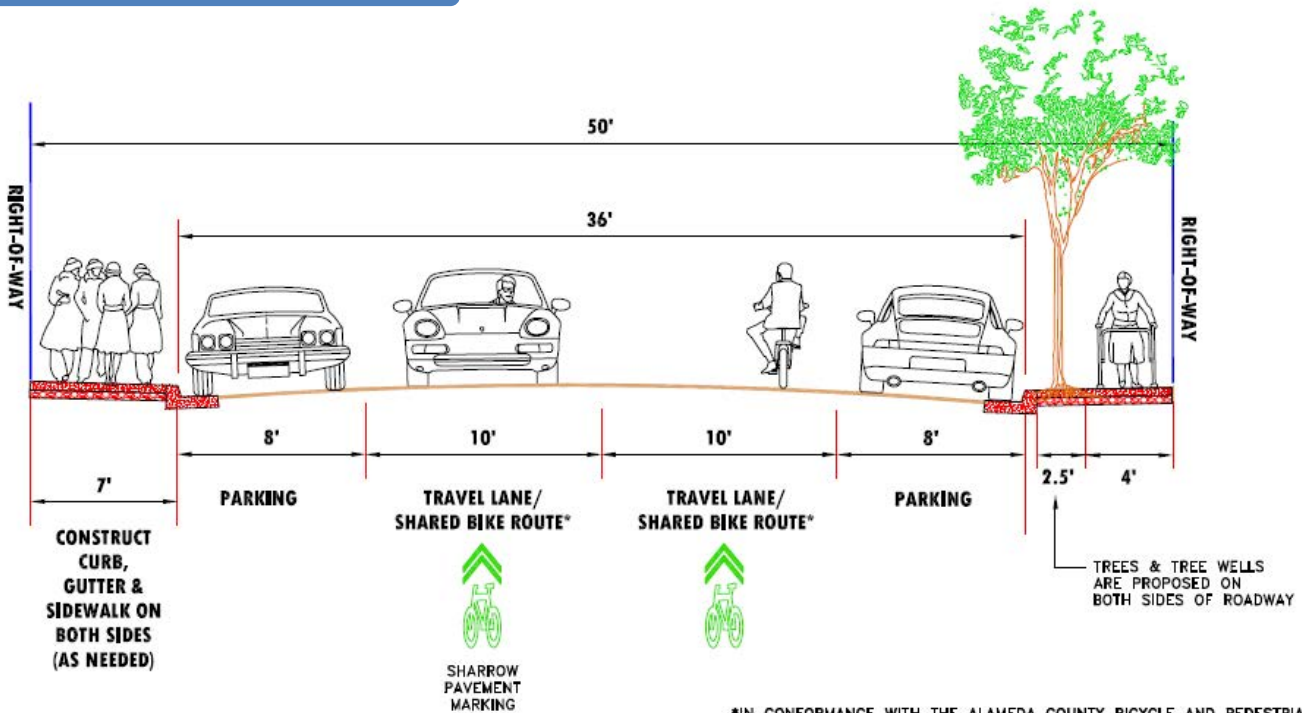
PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Santa Maria Avenue Improvement Project, located in the Castro Valley community, will enhance traffic safety from the Castro Valley High School vicinity to the Castro Valley Downtown area. The proposed improvements will further establish a livable community with complete streets benefits to all roadway users, especially pedestrians and bicyclists.

PROJECT FEATURES

- Concrete sidewalks, curbs, and gutters
- Class III bicycle routes with Sharrows
- Street trees
- Pedestrian ramps
- Enhanced Crosswalks

TYPICAL SECTION



*IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE ALAMEDA COUNTY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN FOR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS - APRIL 2012

PROJECT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Why is this project needed?

Santa Maria Avenue currently has intermittent concrete sidewalks interspersed with dirt and asphalt pathways. This project will replace these pathways with a concrete sidewalk, curb, and gutter to provide continuous pedestrian and bicycle route facilities between the Castro Valley Downtown area and the vicinity of Castro Valley High School.

What kind of street trees are being proposed?

A landscape architect will be developing a tree planting plan for Santa Maria Avenue. We are proposing four (4) types of street trees at this time: Chinese Fringe Tree, Pink Crepe Myrtle, Trident Maple, and the Swamp Myrtle. These trees are specifically selected because their roots generally do not damage the sidewalk areas.

Will this project include a bicycle facility?

A bike route facility is proposed for Santa Maria Avenue in accordance to the County's latest Bicycle Master Plan. Due to the limited roadway and right of way, the travel lane will be shared by both motorists and bicyclists. Shared lane markings (Sharrows) and bike route signs will be installed to inform motorists and bicyclists that Santa Maria Avenue is a shared motorist/bicyclist facility.

What impacts can be expected during construction?

Motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians will experience some delays. Intermittent lane closures will be necessary during construction. During any closure, traffic will be regulated by appropriate signage and/or a flagger during working hours. During construction, parking will be restricted. During non-working hours, the contractor will reopen all lanes and parking whenever safely possible. Advance notification of temporary lane closures and no parking will be provided to residents and business owners along Santa Maria Avenue. Road/lane closure information will also be posted on the Public Works Agency website at www.acgov.org/pwa.

How will construction affect access into my property?

Access into your property will be maintained during construction except for a limited time during sidewalk construction.

Will (construction) work be performed during the school season? (will school be open during construction?)

While construction scheduling can be challenging, we will try to schedule construction activities when school is not in session; however, some construction will occur while school is in session. We will coordinate with the school and the contractor to ensure safe access to and from the school, and to minimize disruption to the school's activities.

What about the businesses in the downtown area?

Public Works is committed to minimizing the impacts of construction on businesses throughout the duration of this project. We will work with our community partners to remind the public that businesses are open during construction and with the project contractor to maintain access to all businesses at all times when possible. Signs will be installed to inform the public that businesses are open during construction.

Where do I park during this construction?

We ask that you park across the street during construction of your driveway and the sidewalk fronting your property. We will construct the project one side at a time so that residents may park their vehicle across the street.

When will construction start and end?

We anticipate construction to begin in summer 2016 and end in spring 2017

What notification and project updates will the County provide?

The Public Works Agency and its contractor will notify residents and business owners along the affected section of Santa Maria Avenue by letter within two (2) weeks of the construction start date. If you provide us with your email address, we can also send you notifications via email upon request. Additionally, the Public Works Agency will post project updates on its website: www.acgov.org/pwa.

HOW TO REACH US

Call: (510) 670-5480
Email: info@acpwa.org
Website: www.acgov.org/pwa



Schedule subject to change