

El Camino Real

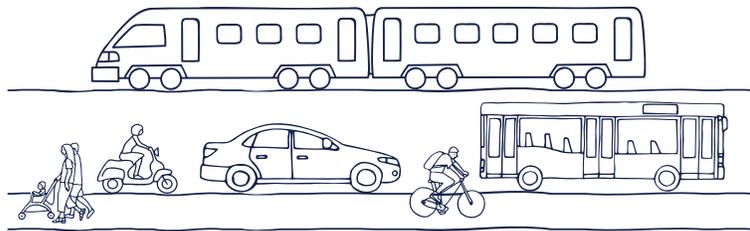
Complete Streets Corridor Study FAQ



What is the purpose of the El Camino Real Complete Streets Corridor Study?

The El Camino Real Complete Streets Corridor Study will analyze and develop options for additional mobility along El Camino Real. These improvements may include walking, biking, personal mobility devices, and transit improvements.

The study will result in a Complete Streets Corridor Plan that identifies potential changes to the road based on technical analysis of traffic conditions including safety, infrastructure requirements, stakeholder input and conversations with the local community.



What are "complete streets"?

A complete street provides mobility options for people of all ages and abilities, particularly people who are walking, biking, using personal mobility devices, and riding transit. Complete streets offer several benefits, including enhanced safety and quality of life by providing a balanced variety of options for travel.

Why are you doing this study?

El Camino Real, between Selby Lane and Valparaiso Avenue, is one of the few areas along El Camino Real without continuous pedestrian facilities. The lack of pedestrian facilities makes it difficult to walk along El Camino Real and to access transit services. With pending improvements to implement a bikeway along El Camino Real in Redwood City and in other areas along the corridor, the development of the corridor plan

will envision how a bikeway can be extended through this segment of El Camino Real, linking residents with the activity centers in Redwood City to Menlo Park.

This project will also evaluate additional enhancements to the corridor, including green infrastructure, drainage and median modifications.

Who is leading this study?

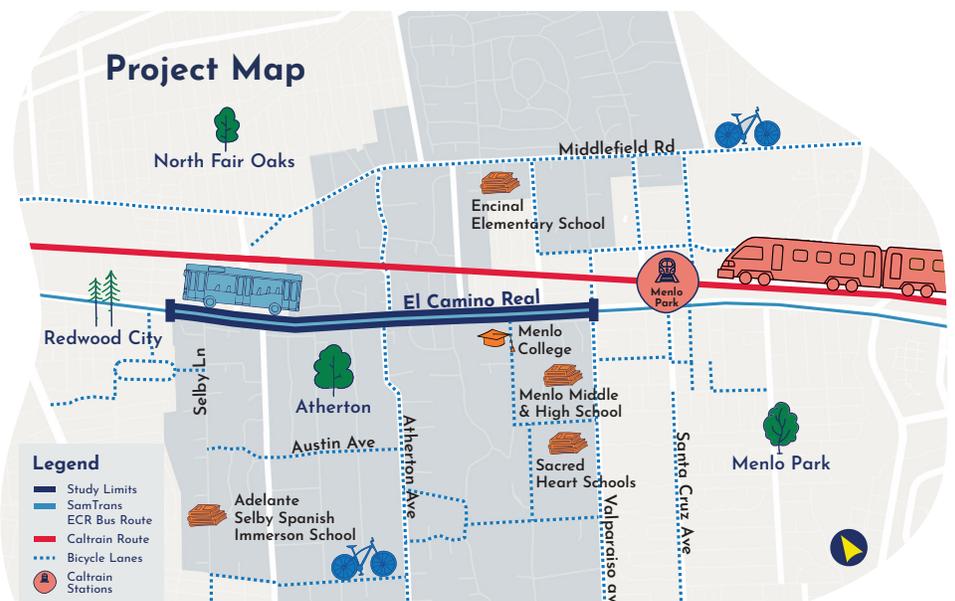
The Town of Atherton is the primary lead of this project. We are partnering with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (TA), SamTrans, the North Fair Oaks neighborhood, the city of Redwood City, the city of Menlo Park, and Caltrans to develop a shared vision for the El Camino Real corridor.

How is this study being funded?

This project was awarded local sales tax Measure A funding through the 2022 TA Pedestrian and Bicycle Program. Additional funding is provided through the Town of Atherton, city of Menlo Park, and SamTrans.

Where is the study area?

The study area includes a 1.5-mile segment from Selby Lane to Valparaiso Avenue that serves the Town of Atherton, North Fair Oaks neighborhood, and City of Menlo Park.



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Who approves the final Complete Streets Plan?

The Atherton Town Council will consider adopting the plan in collaboration with local partners and the TA. Because Caltrans owns El Camino Real, the project team will need to prepare a plan that meets their standards and requirements. Once the plan is approved, the Town of Atherton – in partnership with the TA, Caltrans, and other partnering agencies – can then seek funding to further develop design and construction documents and to implement the corridor improvements.

What potential improvements are you considering?

The team will review previous studies and plans, current conditions, traffic data and community input to draft a series of potential design alternatives. These design alternatives may include the following enhancements:

- Improve access for all modes of travel along El Camino Real (e.g., walking, cycling, public transit and driving).
- Improve or create more safe street crossings for all modes of travel.
- Create travel facilities that feel safe for all users and minimize potential conflict between different modes.
- Create a seamless travel experience along El Camino Real for all travel modes with a design that is compatible with other segments of the corridor north and south of the Town of Atherton.
- Minimize disruption to residents and other stakeholders along the corridor.
- Identify stormwater management improvements.
- Enhance streetscape amenities, signage, and accessibility infrastructure.



Why are you asking for community input?

We want to create a plan that works for Atherton and the communities along this portion of El Camino Real. It is important to hear community priorities and develop a plan that considers the wants and needs of the people that live near and travel on El Camino Real. We will be asking for community feedback in each Phase of the project to:

1. Understand existing conditions, identify areas for improvement, and determine a vision and goals;
2. Evaluate a set of possible design alternatives; and,
3. Refine the preferred design alternative.

This feedback will be critical as we study how mobility and safety along the El Camino Real corridor can be improved.

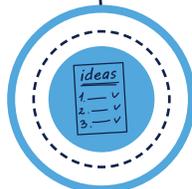
How can you get involved?

Community input is critical to this process. There are three phases of engagement where your input will influence project outcomes.



Spring 2024 Existing Conditions

Input is needed to understand how users currently experience the street and desired improvements.



Fall 2024 Evaluate Concepts

Feedback will help the project team select which design concept works best for the community.



Winter 2025 Preferred Concept

Feedback will help us refine the preferred design concept prior to plan completion and approval.

We want to hear from you!

To provide feedback, scan the QR code or go to www.ecrcompletestreets.com



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