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El Camino Master Schematic Design Plan

Meeting between Caltrans and Project Consultant Team

April 24, 2002

9:00 am

at Caltrans - District 4 Offices, Grand Ave., Oakland

AGENDA

1. Discussion of how results of this Schematic Design Project can be reliably applied to actual future construction projects in Palo Alto (Design Exception Process vs. Pilot/Demonstration Project Process vs. CSD/Flexibility in Highway Design Process)
2. Continued Discussion of Design Standards using a **revised** set of Cross-Section design concepts and Plan Alternatives for El Camino Real

This discussion will focus on existing Caltrans design standards, the Consultant's desire and reasoning for flexibility on particular design standards, and respective design exceptions previously granted by Caltrans. Items of particular interest to this end are: design speed, lane width, presence of shoulders, length of transition for lane shifts, curb bulb-outs, and curb radii for residential vs. commercial cross streets.

3. Continued Discussions of Design Details of El Camino Improvements
 - a. Intersection Alternatives for El Camino Real
 - b. Pedestrian and Bicycle Crossing Accommodations (pedestrian safe havens at medians, mid-block crossings w/ curb bulb-outs, countdown pedestrian signals, curb ramps)
 - c. Street Landscaping and "Green Streets" Infrastructure (assumptions about possible tree locations in absence of finalized study, use of structural soils, use of swales, sight distance, tree planting in parking)
4. Next Steps: how to keep this process moving forward.