

Office of Congresswoman Jackie Speier (CA-12)  
Member-Designated High Priority Project (HPP) Questionnaire  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: Friday, May 1, 2009 @ 9:00 p.m. (P.D.T.)**

Please submit this form along with any additional material to Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff via email at [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov) or fax, 202/226-4183. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cookab Hashemi at 202/225-3531.

**The questionnaire must be filled out in its entirety.** In addition, it must be accompanied by at least one letter of support from a state, regional, or local government official specifically supporting the project request. This letter should discuss the merits of the project; specify the process to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the project; and identify the other sources of Federal, state or private funding that will be used to complete this project or project phase.

The letter must contain an explicit statement of support for the project. In addition, if you are requesting less than 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity, the letter must identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources that, combined with the Member request, equal at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost. Please use **BOLDFACE FONT** to highlight these statements in the letter.

All questionnaires and accompanying documents will be posted on the Congresswoman's website as required by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Lastly, all project requests will be evaluated before the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District's Citizens Oversight Panel. Appointments to appear before the panel must be made through Cookab Hashemi, chief of staff, at 202/225-3531 or [Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov](mailto:Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov). **The Citizens Oversight Panel meeting will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009.**

**1. Project Title:**

**U.S HIGHWAY 101 / BROADWAY INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

**2. Organization (project sponsor) Name and Address:** *(if state or local entity, please identify specific department requesting funding)*

City of Burlingame – Public Works Department  
501 Primrose Road  
Burlingame, CA 94010

**3. Primary contact name, phone, cell and fax numbers and email address:**

Syed Murtuza – Public Works Director  
650-558-7230 office  
650-685-9310 fax  
smurtuza@burlingame.org

**4. Project location address (if different from the organization):**

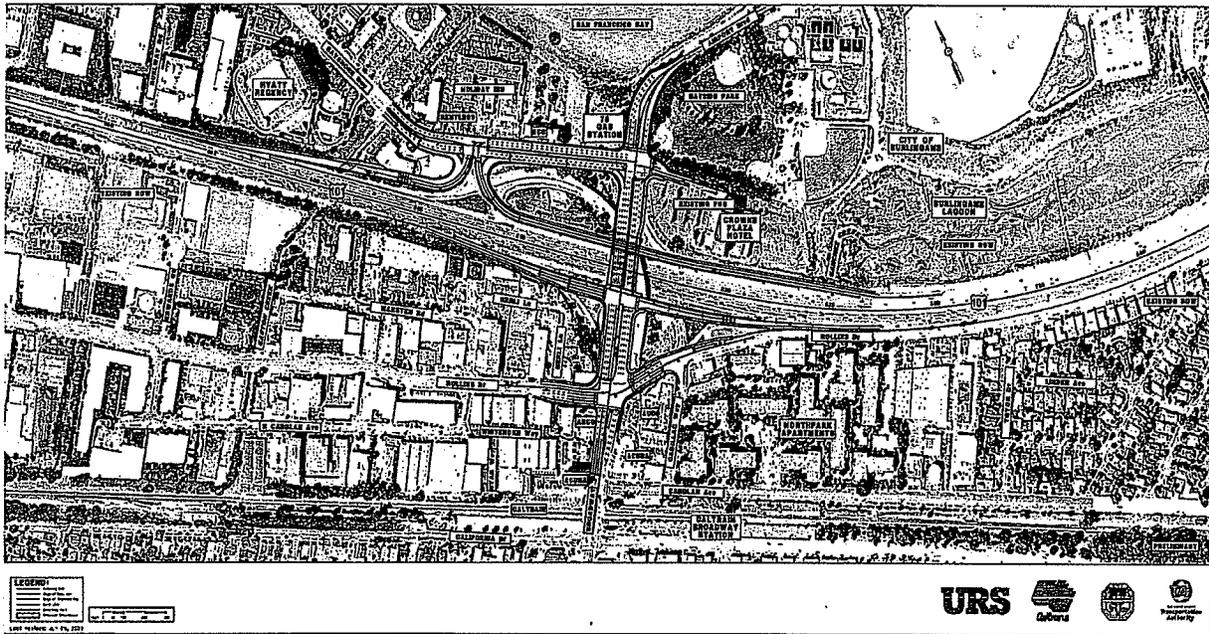
U.S. Highway 101 and Broadway Interchange from Airport Boulevard to Rollins Road /  
Carolan Avenue

**5. Please provide a brief description of the project. (Please describe in 250 words or less.)**

The Broadway Interchange is Burlingame's primary access to U.S. highway 101, the main artery on the peninsula connecting north and south. This interchange is the only connection to the industrial area, hotels along the Bayfront, and our community's major retail area. In addition it serves as the main link for residents commuting along the Peninsula. There are approximately 233,000 vehicles per day at this interchange with peak hour volumes reaching 15,700 vehicles. The current level of service for traffic movements in the area causes many delays and back ups onto the freeway and local streets, causing congestion and traffic safety issues.

**US HIGHWAY 101 / BROADWAY INTERCHANGE PROJECT**

**US-101/ BROADWAY INTERCHANGE  
RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT**



The proposed project will include the following elements:

- Replacement of the Broadway Overcrossing with a wider structure
- Reconfiguration of all ramp connections to US101 in the northbound and southbound directions
- Installation of ramp meters on the northbound and southbound on-ramps to US101
- New retaining walls to minimize right of way impact
- Removal of existing Pedestrian Overcrossing
- Relocation of three PG&E high voltage towers
- Reconfiguration of Rollins Road and Broadway intersection
- Installation of new traffic signals

**6. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in the 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional District? (Please describe in 250 words or less.)**

All the congressional district residents of Burlingame and adjoining communities including Hillsborough, Burlingame Hills, San Mateo County, Millbrae and City of San Mateo will benefit from this project. In addition the project will provide less congestion and improve traffic circulation for approximately 233,000 drivers along the freeway. Local jobs will be created during construction of the freeway. Improved access will likely spur business development in the surrounding area that has been limited because of deficient access to and from the 101 corridor.

This project will ensure transportation needs into the future for the City of Burlingame and the region. It is listed as the one of the top priorities for San Mateo County in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission 2035 Transportation Plan for the future. Broadway Interchange is one of the oldest interchange in San Mateo County and has been on the priority list for the last twenty five years for reconstruction. Without these funds, there is no revenue mechanism available for the City to construct this high priority project given the demand on the City to other basic services to our community. With these funds the project will proceed expeditiously to complete the engineering design and begin construction.

**7. Are you requesting Federal funds for more than one project in this bill? If yes, please list projects in order of priority requests for your organization.**

No, the City of Burlingame is not requesting other Federal funds in this bill.

**8. Are you requesting funds from other Members of Congress? If yes, which Members?**

No, the City of Burlingame is not requesting funds from other Members of Congress.

**9. Please select which type of eligible project under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the U.S. Code is the project request? Please select from the options below.**

**X FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAY**

X Highway/road, bridge, tunnel, bicycle/pedestrian project, intelligent transportation system project, ferry boats or ferry boats facilities, intermodal freight facility or other.

- For each type of project, please note if it is located on a Federal-aid highway, located on the National Highway System, and located on the Interstate System.

The U.S. Highway 101 / Broadway Interchange Reconstruction Project is located on a Federal aid highway, on the National Highway System and Interstate System. It is identified in the Highway Performance Monitoring System.

**10. Did the Federal Highway Administration, Federal Transit Administration, or State Department of Transportation,<sup>1</sup> or public transit agency confirm that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) or Chapter 53 of Title 49 (Public Transit) of the United States Code?**

Yes, the California Department of Transportation, Caltrans has confirmed that the project is eligible under Title 23 (Highways) of the United States Code.

Caltrans – California Department of Transportation  
Attention: Bijan Sartipi - District 04 Director  
111 Grand Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94623  
510-286-4444

**11. Please identify the state, regional, or local government entity that is an eligible recipient of the funds. Please include name and address. (For example, a State Department of Transportation, public transit agency, Metropolitan Planning Organization, local government or Federally-recognized tribe.)**

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Attention: Bijan Sartipi - District 04 Director  
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San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) - Measure A Funds  
Attention: Joe Hurley - Director San Mateo County Transportation Authority  
1250 San Carlos Avenue  
PO Box 3006  
San Carlos, CA 94070-1306  
650- 508-7938

12. Please identify and describe the specific segment or activity for which project funding is requested. (The request must finance at least 80 percent of the total estimated cost of the specific segment or activity by either 1.) the amount requested; or 2.) the amount requested in addition to other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding sources.)

Funding is requested for the U.S. Highway /Broadway Interchange Reconstruction from Rollins Road to Bayshore Boulevard at the freeway.

<b>Total Project Estimate:</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>SMCTA Measure A</b>	<b>SAFETEA-LU request</b>	<b>Local match</b>
Environmental	\$ 3 million	\$ 3 million	\$ 0	
Design	\$ 6 million	\$ 5 million	\$ 1 million	
Right of Way & Utilities	\$ 9 million	\$ 4.5 million	\$4.5 million	
Construction	\$46 million	\$ 23 million	\$ 15 million	\$ 8 million
Construction Management	\$ 9 million	\$ 4.5 million	\$4.5 million	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73 million</b>	<b>\$ 40 million</b>	<b>\$25 million</b>	<b>\$ 8 million</b>

**Project description:** (Include the specific terminus points of the project or activity, as appropriate.)

**Project activities:** (You may select more than one.)

- Construct
- Plan
- Design
- Engineer
- Conduct
- Environmental Review
- Acquire right-of-the-way
- Conduct alternatives analysis
- Research
- Develop
- Demonstrate
- Deploy
- Reconstruct
- Rehabilitate
- Replace
- Retrofit
- Install
- Mitigate
- Implement
- Realign

What is the total estimated cost? (Please write out in numeral form, e.g. \$2,000,000, not \$2 million)  
\$73,000,000 is the total estimated cost.

What amount is being requested? (Please write out in numeral form.)  
\$25,000,000 is the amount being requested.

What percentage of the total estimated cost is the request for Federal funding? (If the percentage is less than 80%, please identify other specifically designated Federal, state, local or private funding that when combined with this request equal at least 80 percent.)  
34% of the total cost is being requested for federal funding.

**Funding Shortfall:**

Total Estimated Cost	\$73,000,000	(100%)
Measure A Transportation Sales Tax	\$40,000,000	(55%)
City Local Match	\$ 8,000,000	(11%)
	(if approved Transient Occupancy Tax – TOT)	
<hr/> Total SAFETEA-LU Request:	\$ 25,000,000	(34%)

Notes:

City funding match could come from Federal, State, City or private development.  
SMCTA funding is from 1988 Measure A sales tax with reauthorization in 2004 for another 25 years.  
SMCTA provides funding match of maximum 50% of construction costs.

Please identify the source and amount of funding.

**13. If you are requesting funding for a specific segment or activity, please describe the overall project of which this segment/activity is a part.**

▪ Project description (please limit your response to 3-4 sentences.)

The U.S. Highway 101 / Broadway Interchange Reconstruction project includes replacement and widening of the entire structure, reconfiguration of all ramp connections to U.S. 101 in the north and southbound directions, installation of ramp meters on US 101, relocation of three PG&E high voltage towers, and reconfiguration of Rollins Road to Carolan Avenue to the west, and Airport Boulevard intersections at Broadway to the east.

▪ Total estimated cost

\$73,000,000 is the total estimated cost.

**14. Is the project included in the State's Long-Range Transportation Plan?**

Yes, the project is included in the California Department of Transportation, District 4 long range plan. The Project Study Report was completed and approved by Caltrans on November 22, 2005 and the Regional Transportation Plan 2035 on April 22, 2009.

- Please provide the date of approval of the most recent version of the plan and the title of the plan.
  - *Date of approval* - April 22, 2009 Regional Transportation Plan 2035
  - *Title of the plan* - California Department of Transportation Regional Transportation Plan 2035 for the Broadway Interchange Reconstruction Project in San Mateo County on Route 101 at the Broadway Interchange in Burlingame

**15. Is the project included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) and/or State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)?**

Yes, the Broadway Interchange is included in the Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) dated May 28, 2008 for the TIP 2009. In addition, the Broadway Interchange is listed as a top priority for San Mateo County in the Metropolitan Transportation Commission 2035 Transportation Plan for the future

**16. If the project is an intercity passenger rail project, is it included in the State Rail Plan?**

Not applicable - This project is not an intercity passenger rail project.

**17. Please describe the current status of the project and the expected schedule for its completion.**

- *Current status of project*

The much needed project to reconstruct the 101/Broadway Interchange is currently in the environmental phase of work. The project includes the replacement of the Broadway Overcrossing along with the reconfiguration of all the ramps.

**Project Time Line**

Environmental	10/08-8/10
Design	8/10-7/13
Construction	1/13-12/15

- **What is the expected date of completion of the project for which you are requesting funding? (Between fiscal years 2010 through 2020)**

The project is expected to be complete by 2015.

**18. Does the project have regional or national significance? (A project of regional and national significance is typically a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility that often includes multiple levels of government, agencies, modes of transportation, and transportation goals and planning processes that are not easily addressed or funded within existing surface transportation program categories. These projects have national and/or regional benefits, including improving economic productivity by facilitating international trade, relieving congestion, and improving transportation safety by facilitating passenger and freight movement.)**

The project is of regional significance as a high-cost transportation infrastructure facility which includes multiple levels of agencies and governments. Improvements will spur economic productivity in the region and relieve congestion improving safety and passenger and freight

movement. This interchange is a key access to 12 major airport hotels and industries (properties valued at \$860 million). It is critical connection to large auto retail centers and downtowns (sales tax base revenue). The improvements will improve connections in the region attracting and increasing business development.

**19. Describe the safety, economic development, mobility, and environmental benefits associated with completion of the project.**

▪ *Safety Benefits*

The new improvements will simplify traffic movements and reduce traffic hazards. It will meet current building code requirements including seismic standards; allow for ramp metering to improve traffic flow onto the freeway; and increase lane capacity to growing needs. As a confusing out of date, nineteen-legged interchange it will immensely improve safety and the level of traffic congestion. The new interchange will ensure reduced traffic congestion and accidents in the area for now and into the future.

▪ *Economic Development Benefits*

As the main access to the regions economic hub this interchange will improve circulation and access to hotels, industries, large auto centers, and commercial downtowns. With properties valued at over \$860 million this interchange is key to improving businesses and the economy in the region. Improved access to the freeway and local region will spur development in the area increasing sales tax, and local revenue for the region.

▪ *Mobility Benefits*

Circulation in the region will improve with the new improvements. The current interchange is the oldest in the County, built in 1948 with a confusing unconventional design. It has the lowest level of traffic service (Level F) resulting in several minutes of delay at each signalized intersection. There are over 230,000 vehicles per day at this location along US Highway 101 with peak hour volumes of more than 32,800 on Broadway. Simplifying and improving traffic flow through the reconstruction of the interchange with new signalized intersections; metering ramps; and additional lanes will meet current and future needs to improve mobility in the region.

▪ *Environmental Benefits*

Currently the existing interchange has drainage and environmental issues. There has been flooding at the interchange due to insufficient storm drains and inadequate drainage facilities. Many winters there is standing water that leads to mosquito abatement procedures to control infestations. The new improvements will enhance the area and improve existing drainage to ensure all environmental issues meet all environmental requirements.

**20. Has the project previously received any Federal funding? If so, please list the Source, Amount of Funding and Amount Obligated. (Please see categories below.)**

No the project has not received any federal funding.

**21. Has the project received any prior funding from a State, local, or private source?**

- *Source:* California Department of Transportation, District 4  
San Mateo County Transportation Authority
- *Amount of Funding:* \$ 8 million
- *Amount Obligated:* for Project Study Report and Project Approval & Environmental Document

**22. Please provide the proposed legislative text (in no more than 250 characters) of the project as you would like it to appear in the bill. (Please note that project line items carry the force of law, and can only be amended through subsequent public laws. If Congressional intent (as established through answers listed on this form, or in letters to the Committee) is different from the legislative text, the entity administering the project is required to adhere to the statutory language.)**

Suggested text is listed below.

“SAFETEA-LU funds for the reconstruction of the Broadway Interchange at U.S. Highway 101 in Burlingame, California. The interchange will be replaced with a safer, less congested structure with reconfigured ramps, signalized intersections, and new connecting street intersections.”

**23. Please include any additional information that should be considered with the project request.**

See attached proposed plan of the new interchange.

Also see letters of support from the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (Mr. Ian McAvoy) and the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County (Mr. Rich Napier)

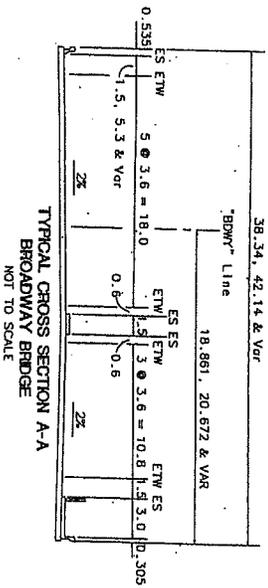
**Please return this form and at least one local or state letter or support no later than Friday, May 1, 2009 via email or fax to:  
Cookab.Hashemi@mail.house.gov or 202/226-4183 (fax).**



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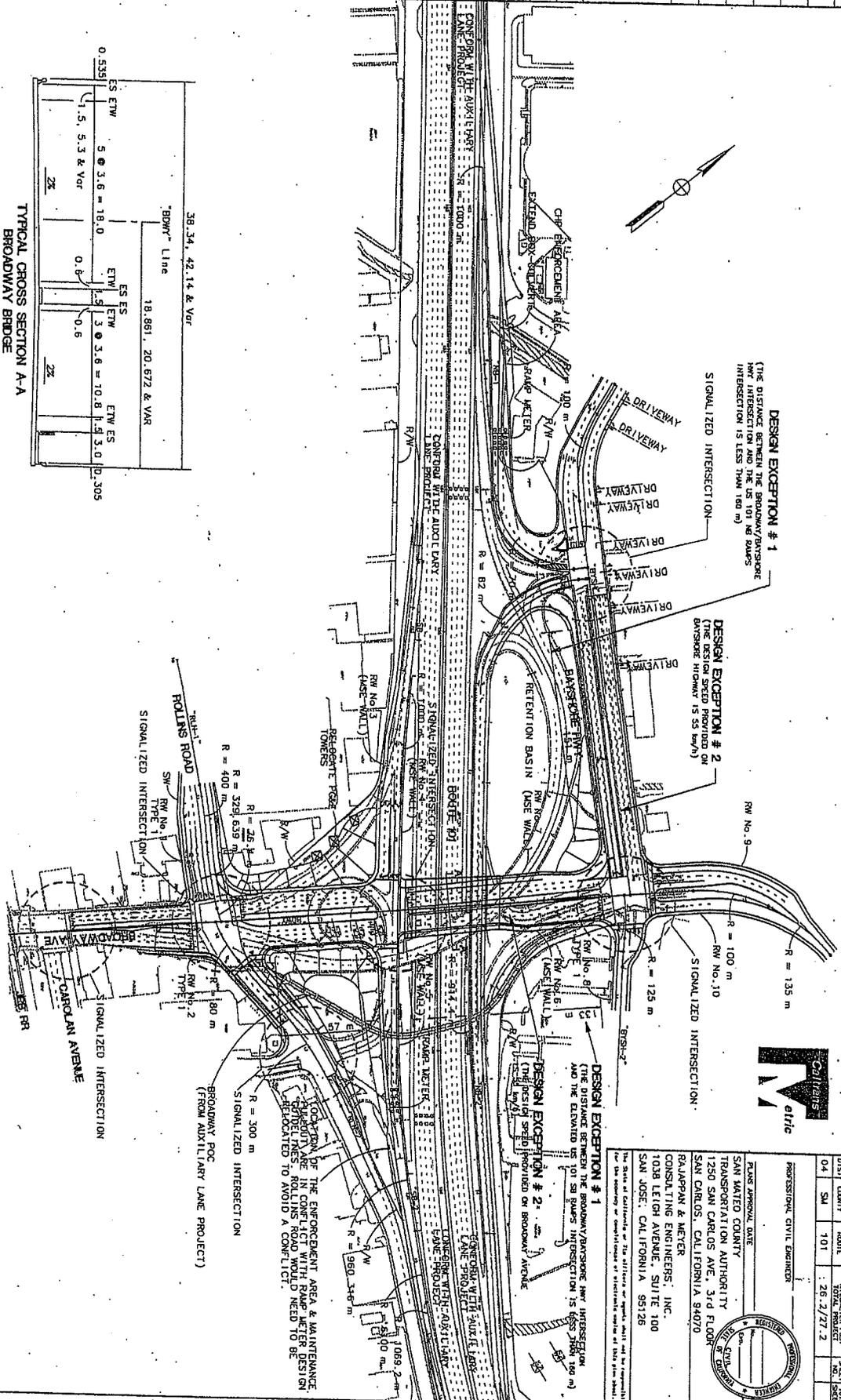


PLAN  
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JULY 2005

ADVISORY DESIGN EXCEPTION  
BUILD - BUTTONHOOK/DIAMOND INTERCHANGE  
US 101/BROADWAY INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION

CU FA 37564K



**DESIGN EXCEPTION # 1**  
(THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BROADWAY/BAYSHORE INTERSECTION AND THE US 101 AND BAYSHORE INTERSECTION IS LESS THAN 180 m)  
SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION

**DESIGN EXCEPTION # 2**  
(THE DESIGN SPEED PROVIDED ON BAYSHORE IS 55 MPH)  
SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION

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(THE DISTANCE BETWEEN THE BROADWAY/BAYSHORE AND THE EXTENDED US 101 SB BAYSHORE INTERSECTION IS LESS THAN 180 m)  
SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION

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## *The City of Burlingame*

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April 30, 2009

Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier  
400 S. El Camino Real  
Suite 410  
San Mateo, CA 94402

Subject: US101/Broadway Interchange Project - Federal SAFETEA-LU Funding Assistance

Dear Jackie,

In 1995, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and Caltrans proposed reconstruction of the US101/Broadway interchange in the City of Burlingame to reduce traffic congestion, enhance safety, and improve performance. The Broadway Interchange is Burlingame's only direct access to U.S. Highway 101 and is the oldest interchange on the San Francisco peninsula.

The current interchange configuration is antiquated and its various loop ramps are considered below standards for design and capacity. The existing geometrics and lane configurations also present safety and traffic circulation problems. Presently, westbound vehicles continually back up onto the freeway causing significant congestion both at the freeway ramps, as well as at the local intersection of Broadway/US101 Ramps/Rollins Road.

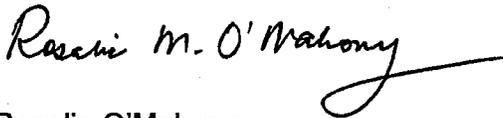
The City has been working with the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA) and Caltrans for the last decade to develop the project and get it ready for construction. The Project Study Report (PSR) was completed in October 2005 and the work is now being focused on the Environmental Impact Report. The estimated total project cost is \$73,000,000 of which half of the cost (\$40,000,000) will be paid for by SMCTA using Measure A sales tax and the City has to come up with the remaining \$33,000,000 to fully fund this project. The City is working to secure \$8,000,000 by approving a Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) and is requesting \$25,000,000 in federal assistance through SAFETEA-LU funding.

The City is facing a daunting challenge to fund several infrastructure needs such as aging storm drain systems, sidewalks, bridges, roads and City facilities. The City is barely able to finance the operational needs of the City to provide basic services to our citizens and do not have funds available to finance the growing list of infrastructure projects including the Broadway Interchange. Without Federal funding, the Broadway Interchange project is in serious jeopardy of being delayed indefinitely and may risk losing Measure A funds.

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Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier  
April 30, 2009

As Council member and past mayor of the City of Burlingame, and on behalf of the citizens of Burlingame, I call on your assistance and support in obtaining federal funds to make this vital project a reality. We greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of this request, and thank you for your past support and assistance to the City of Burlingame.

Sincerely,



Rosalie O'Mahony  
Councilmember, City of Burlingame  
C/CAG Board of Directors  
SMCTA Board of Directors

Attachment: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure - Member-Designated High Priority Project  
(HPP) Questionnaire  
Proposed Interchange Design

c: City Council  
Jim Nantell, City Manager  
Syed Murtuza, Public Works Director



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April 30, 2009

Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier  
400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 410  
San Mateo, CA 94402

Subject: San Mateo County Transportation Authority's support for the 101/Broadway Interchange project for its inclusion under SAFETEA-LU funding.

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

This letter is to support the City of Burlingame's effort to obtain SAFETEA-LU Grant funding for 101/Broadway Interchange project. The Broadway Interchange built in 1948 is the oldest interchange in San Mateo County on the 101 Highway corridor. The current configuration is antiquated with unconventional loop ramps. The existing on-ramps/off-ramps are complex as well as non-standard and result in traffic backups and unsafe conditions on the mainline freeway in both northbound and southbound direction.

The City has been working with the Transportation Authority and Caltrans to reconstruct the interchange. The reconstructed interchange will address the current safety and congestion problems and will make it safer for the users both on the overcrossings and the mainline freeway.

The Transportation Authority's Expenditure Plan which includes the 101/Broadway Interchange as a key project was overwhelming supported by the voters of San Mateo County. On behalf of San Mateo County Transportation Authority, I kindly request that a favorable consideration be given to this project to be included for funding under SAFETEA-LU grant program.

Please contact Joseph M. Hurley, Director of the San Mateo County Transportation Authority Program if you have any questions regarding this project at (650) 508-7942.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian B. McAvoy', is written over a horizontal line.

Ian B. McAvoy  
Chief Development Officer

cc: Jim Nantell, Burlingame City Manager  
Syed Murtuza, Burlingame Public Works Director

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April 29, 2009

Honorable Congresswoman Jackie Speier  
400 S. El Camino Real, Suite 410  
San Mateo, CA 94402

Subject: Caltrans support for Broadway Interchange project for its inclusion under  
SAFETY-LU funding.

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

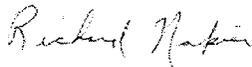
This letter is to support the City of Burlingame's effort to obtain SAFETY-LU Grant funding for Broadway Interchange project. The Broadway Interchange built in 1948 is oldest interchange in San Mateo County on U.S. 101 Highway corridor. The current configuration is antiquated and its various loop ramps are considered substandard for design and capacity. The existing layout presents serious safety concerns and traffic congestion as well as circulation problems. The existing on-ramps/off-ramps are complex as well as non-standard and result in traffic backup and unsafe movements on the mainline freeway in both northbound and southbound direction. In addition, C/CAG has been working to implement ramp metering on U.S. Highway 101 corridor and due to the current configuration; it is impractical to install ramp metering on Broadway unless the interchange is reconstructed according to the approved PSR.

The City has been working with Caltrans and the Transportation Authority to reconstruct the interchange to current standards. The new interchange will address the current problems and will make it safer for the users both on the overcrossings and the mainline freeway. On behalf of C/CAG, I kindly request that a favorable consideration be given to this project to be included for funding under SAFETY-LU grant program.

Please contact Syed Murtuza if you have any questions regarding this project at (650) 558-7230

Thank you,

Sincerely,



Richard Napier,  
Executive Director of San Mateo City/County Association of Governments

cc: Syed Murtuza, Burlingame Public Works Director  
Jim Nantell, Burlingame City Manager  
Burlingame City Council  
Joe Hurley, San Mateo County Transportation Authority

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April 29, 2009

Mr. Syed Murtuza, P.E.  
Public Works Director  
City of Burlingame  
501 Primrose Road  
Burlingame, CA 94010-3997

Dear Mr. Murteza:

This letter is in regard to the US 101/Broadway Avenue Interchange in the City of Burlingame. The Broadway Interchange, built in 1948, is the oldest interchange in San Mateo County on the U.S. 101 Highway corridor. The current configuration is antiquated; its various loop ramps are not to current design standards, and, with current and future traffic projections, presents traffic congestion concerns as well as circulation problems. The existing on-ramps/off-ramps are complex as well as non-standard and result in traffic backup on the mainline freeway in both northbound and southbound direction during peak traffic periods. In addition, the Department of Transportation (Department) has been working with the cities in San Mateo County to implement ramp metering and the Broadway interchange is so antiquated that ramp metering is not practical unless the interchange is reconstructed.

This project is in the Adopted 2009 TIP as TIP ID: SM-050028. The Department supports this project and has been working with the City, the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), and the City/County Association of Governments (C/CAG) of San Mateo County to reconstruct the interchange to current standards. The new interchange will address the current problems and will make it safer for the users both on the overcrossings and the mainline freeway.

We look forward to working with you in completing this project. Please contact me if you have any questions at (510) 286-5900.

Sincerely,

  
BIJAN SARTIPI  
District Director

c: Syed Murtuza, Burlingame Public Works Director  
Jim Nantell, Burlingame City Manager  
Burlingame City Council  
Joe Hurley, San Mateo County Transportation