



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** John Ristow

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** August 31, 2023

Approved

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**COUNCIL DISTRICT: 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10**

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS)  
STATE ROUTE 87 ROADWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Accept the status report on the California Department of Transportation State Route 87 Roadway Rehabilitation Project.

## **SUMMARY AND OUTCOME**

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will perform major pavement and median repair work on all northbound and southbound lanes of State Route 87 (SR-87). The project will include closures of SR-87 between State Route 85 and the Julian Street exit on the weekend of September 22, 2023 (for northbound traffic) and the weekend of October 20, 2023 (for southbound traffic).

## **BACKGROUND**

Caltrans will perform major pavement rehabilitation on all traffic lanes in the northbound and southbound directions of SR-87 to improve ride comfort from road surface irregularities, enhance safety, and extend the pavement's service life.

In addition to the major pavement rehabilitation work, the project will also:

- Repair localized depressions in the roadway profile;
- Resurface 2.9 miles of bikeway that run parallel to the freeway;
- Upgrade 28 curb ramps at six intersections;
- Replace the existing median concrete barrier, guardrails, and concrete dikes along the corridor; and

- Additional miscellaneous work, including the placement of enhanced wet/night visibility striping and shoulder rumbles strips, upgrade/replacement drainage facilities, and upgrade/replacement of various electrical.

## **ANALYSIS**

Caltrans is scheduled to close northbound SR-87 between State Route 85 and the Julian Street exit on the weekend of September 22, 2023 and southbound SR-87 between State Route 85 and the Julian Street exit on the weekend of October 20, 2023. The closures will start on Friday after 9 p.m. and conclude on Monday no later than 5 a.m. The closure dates have been chosen to avoid conflicts with traffic influx/efflux generated by the San Francisco 49ers home games and other public entertainment events in the City of San José downtown area. These closures will allow concrete pavement in traffic lanes to be replaced and will reduce the number of overnight lane closures needed to complete the overall project, which is currently scheduled to be completed by spring 2025.

Throughout the project duration, there will also be intermittent daytime and overnight lane closures and intermittent ramp closures of SR-87 between the State Route 85 interchange to the south and the Julian Street exit to the north.

For public outreach, Caltrans, in coordination with the City of San José, released traffic advisories to alert closure dates and times of SR-87. These include media buys and press releases, including social media (Facebook, Twitter/X), television, radio, and internet sites (Univision, KCBS, Spotify, Pandora, YouTube), project mailers, telephone hotlines, and changeable message sign boards on highways and local streets leading to SR-87.

## **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

Updates on this project will be brought to the Transportation and Environmental Committee and City Council.

## **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the Office of the City Attorney, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Planning, Building, and Code Enforcement Department.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This memorandum will be posted on the City's Council Agenda website for the September 12, 2023 City Council meeting and Caltrans will provide a presentation for this agenda item. The

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public outreach Caltrans and the City is performing for the project overall is described in the Analysis section above.

### **COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION AND INPUT**

No commission recommendation or input is associated with this action.

### **CEQA**

Not a Project, File No. PP17-009, Staff reports, assessments, annual reports, and informational memos that involve no approvals of any City action.

### **PUBLIC SUBSIDY REPORTING**

This item does not include a public subsidy as defined in section 53083 or 53083.1 of the California Government Code or the City's Open Government Resolution.

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