

Vision 980 Study Update

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Phase 1

Identify a new concept and vision for transportation and land use along the entire I-980 corridor.

Spring 2024 – Fall 2025

Phase 2

Perform a more detailed feasibility and technical analysis of the concept/vision

Early 2026 – Late 2027

Develop an evaluation framework to ensure the vision meets equity performance measures or benchmarks.

Vision 980 Study Goals



1. Create community-informed transportation+ project concepts that improve all aspects of quality of life in Oakland



2. Develop equity outcomes that directly benefit West Oakland residents



3. Foster a more sustainable West Oakland neighborhood



4. Identify public policies to achieve anti-displacement and anti-gentrification project concepts



5. Engage the community with humility to earn a meaningful and long-lasting relationship

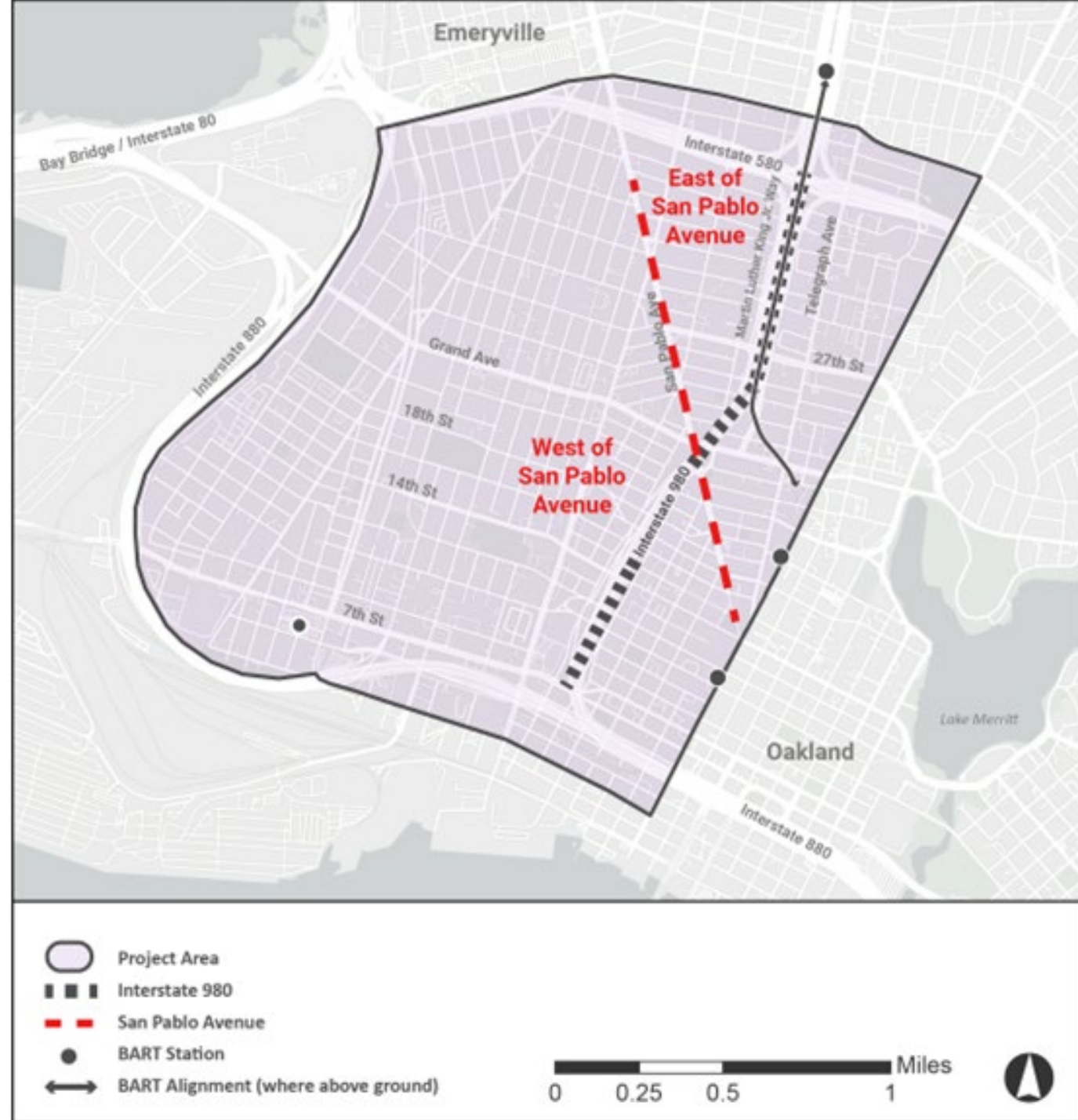
Project Area Sector Boundaries

West of San Pablo

- **Primarily depressed below grade**
- On/off ramps are barrier to connectivity
- All but one overpass is West of San Pablo
- Oakland's Central Business District

East of San Pablo

- **Primarily elevated above grade**
- All but one underpass is East of San Pablo
- Elevated BART tracks fully East of San Pablo
- Uptown Entertainment District and Alta Bates Summit Medical Center Campus



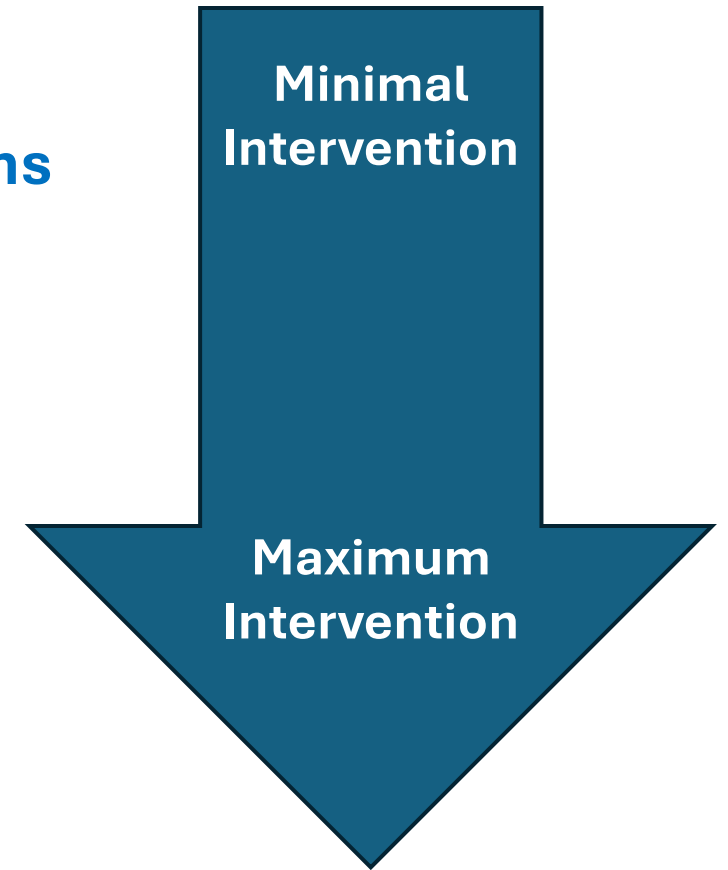
Scenarios & Strategies to Reconnect



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|----------------|---|
| Enhance | 1. Planned Investments
2. Improve Over/Under Pass Conditions |
| Cover | 3. Cap/Deck Over Travel Lanes |
| Remove | 4. Remove On/Off Ramps
5. Narrow Roadway
6. Reconnect Street Grid
7. Demolish and Remove the Freeway
8. New At-Grade Boulevard
9. Reconfigure Freeway Interchanges |



Equity-Based Performance Measure	Enhance	Cover	Remove
Connectivity	- Enhances existing crossings - Does not create any additional crossings	- New crossings on cap/decks West of San Pablo Avenue - One cap/deck east of San Pablo Avenue	- Reconnects the street network that existing before I-980 - More direct walking, biking, and driving connections
Neighborhood Character	Some neighborhood character opportunities	Potential new public open spaces and small buildings on cap/decks over freeway	Potential new neighborhood and public open spaces on former freeway land

Equity-Based Performance Measure	Enhance	Cover	Remove
Community Benefits based on community priorities	Does not free up any additional land Benefits may include: • improved safety • community character	Open space opportunities Benefits from Enhance plus: • open space/parks • cultural/community facilities • events/activation	Development & open space opportunities Benefits from Enhance/Cover plus: • housing • commercial space • job and economic opportunities
Land Use Opportunities	0 acres	up to 14 acres	42 to 67 acres
Cost, Time, Construction Impact	Low	Moderate	High

Public Outreach and Engagement Summary



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Public Outreach & Engagement - Approach

- Three rounds throughout duration of the study
- Engaged diverse audiences, focused on legacy residents, involved community organizations, maintained a consistent feedback loop, and cast a wide net for participation
- In-person/virtual public meetings, pop-up events, online surveys, study website, social media posts, meetings with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and Study Partners



Round 2 Survey Results: Scenarios Ranking

1. Remove

- 68% West Oakland, 49% non-West Oakland

2. Enhance

- 20% West Oakland, 33% non-West Oakland

3. Cover

- 12% West Oakland, 18% non-West Oakland

Mobile Workshops and Public Meeting/Open House Takeaways

- Prioritize affordable housing
- Concerns about funding
- Concerns about inconvenience from changes to I-980
- More meetings and meeting notifications requested
- Concern about traffic (all scenarios)
- Concerns of gentrification



Remove Scenario Feedback

- Excited and surprised at option of removing I-980
- Curiosity regarding re-routed traffic
- Participants liked this scenario would improve safety, visibility, and quality of life
- Connect West Oakland back to larger community
- Heavy interest in land-use, affordable housing, employment /business opportunities, more bike trails & pedestrian pathways, and parks and green spaces



Corridor Scenarios Evaluation



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Scenario Evaluation Methodology

- Scenarios were evaluated based on their ability to meet the relevant study goals and objectives
- For each relevant goal/objective, scenarios were classified as:
 - Substantially Meets
 - Generally Meets
 - Does not Meet

Scenario Evaluation Results

- **Enhance scenario** improves safety and connectivity but does not meet the assessed goals
- **Cover scenario** generates some new land for development and generally meets the assessed goals
- **Remove scenario** restores the street grid, offers the most opportunity for new development, and substantially meets the assessed goals

Equity Assessment



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Purpose of the Equity Assessment

- Explicitly assesses and designs for racial equity in alignment with the City of Oakland's policies and programs according to their established Racial Equity Impact Analysis (REIA) process
- Identifies where and how equity concerns are being addressed through the study
- Evaluates the three corridor scenarios against the study's evaluation framework/equity-based performance measures

Equity Assessment Results

- **Enhance Scenario:** Scores lowest on equity and community repair, with 14 passes and 20 fails in the evaluation metrics.
- **Cover Scenario:** Offers substantial benefits but has development limitations and scores second, with 20 passes and 14 fails.
- **Remove Scenario:** Scores highest on equity and harm repair, with 22 passes and 12 fails.

Next Steps



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Vision 980 Study Phase 1 (Spring 2024 to Fall 2025)

- The Final Report will be completed in Fall 2025 and published on the project website
- Caltrans will offer final report presentations in Winter 2026

Vision 980 Study Phase 2 (early 2026 to late 2027)

- Collaborate with Study Partners, stakeholders, and the public to perform a more detailed feasibility and technical analysis of the concept and vision identified in Phase 1
- Continue community-led approach from Phase 1
- Determine future implementation strategies and provide next steps toward project development including cost estimation and identification of potential funding sources

Thank you!

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