

Vision 980 Study Overview

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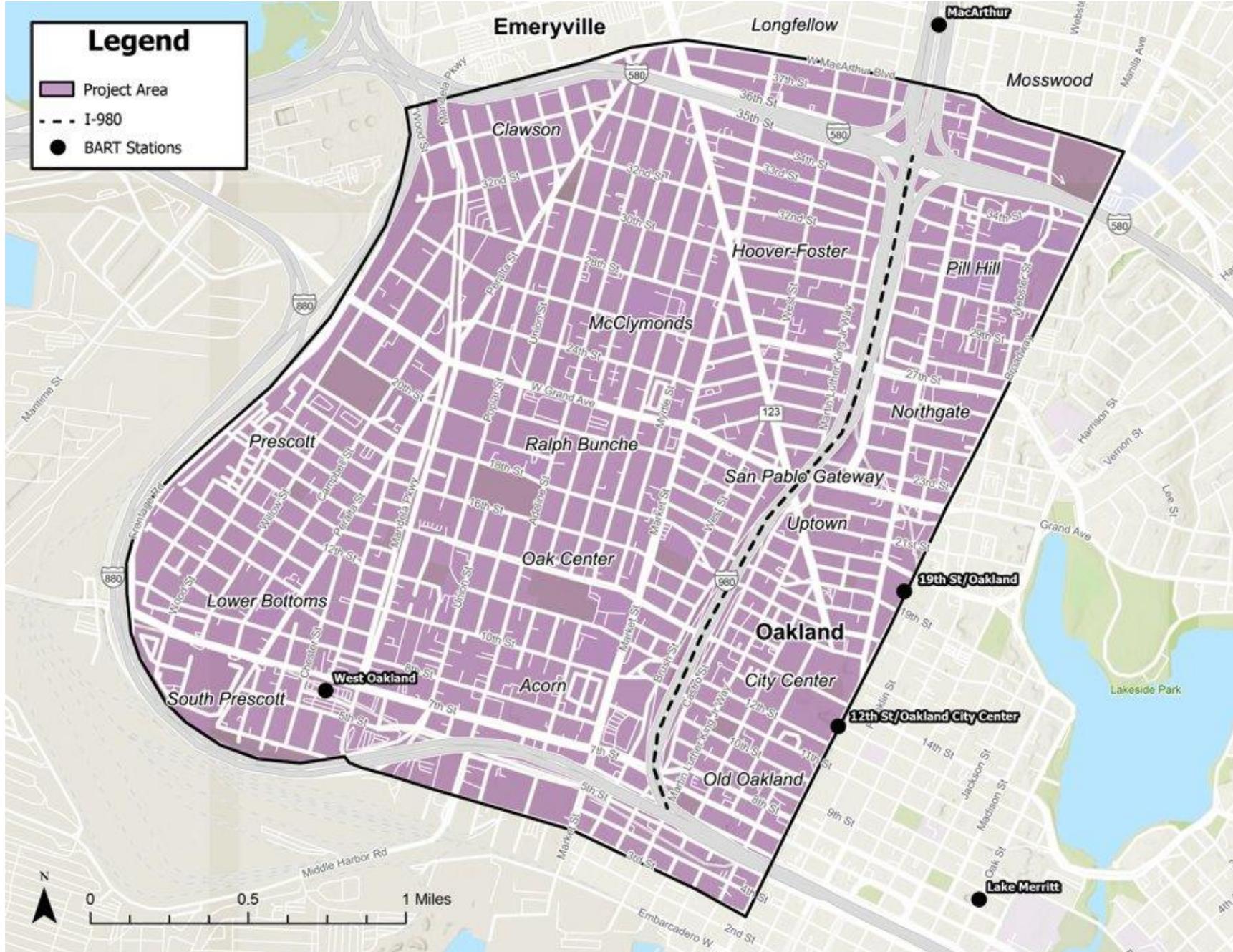


Reconnecting Communities

Project Summary

- What:** Repair harm from construction of I-980 and improve connections between West Oakland & Downtown Oakland
- Why:** I-980 has divided communities and is a barrier to opportunities and travel between those communities
- How:** Build trust through inclusive and collaboration with the public and other partners

Project Area



I-980 Construction Impacts

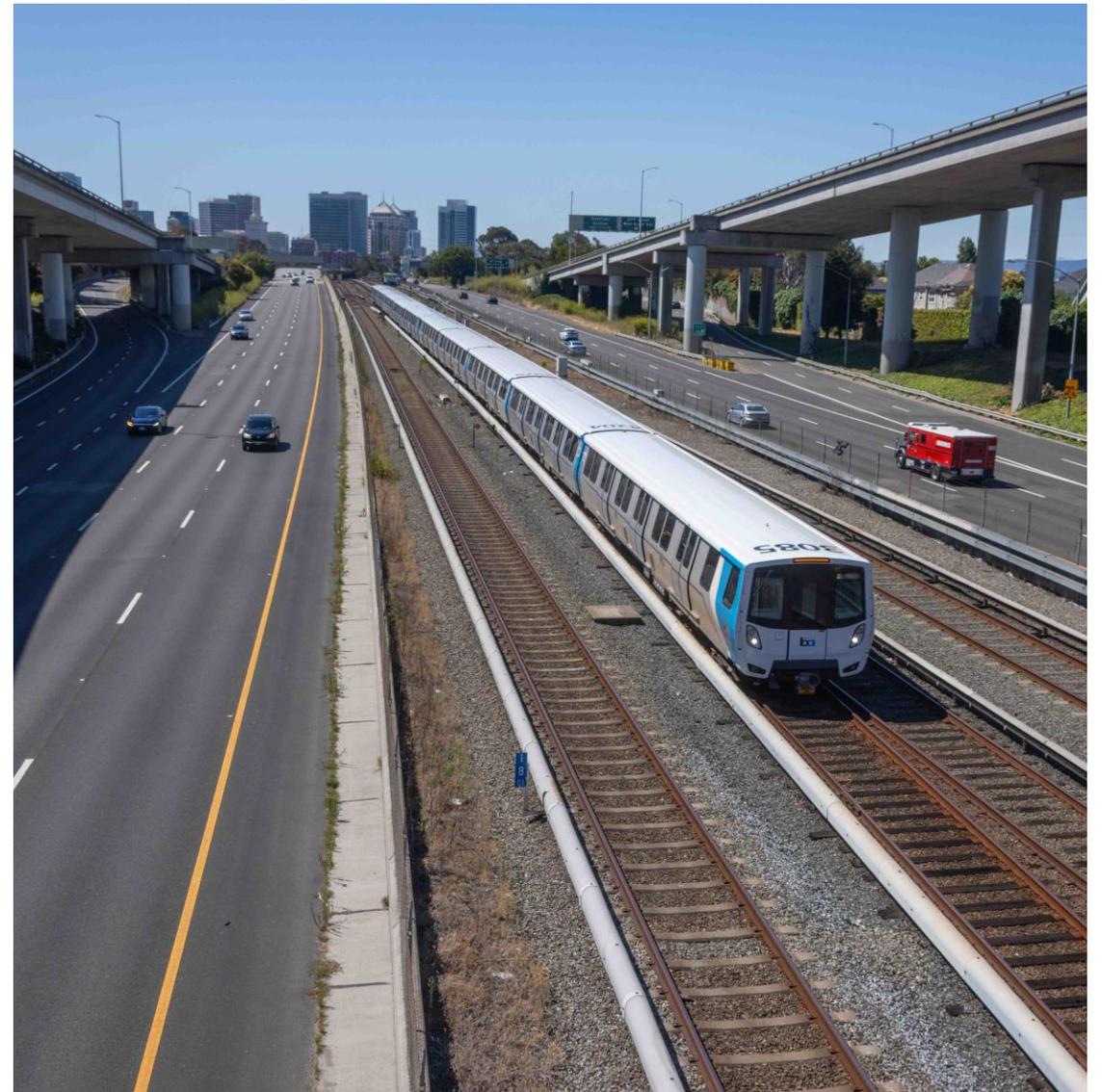
- I-980 disrupted the local street grid in favor of long-distance commuter traffic.
- More than 500 homes, 22 businesses, and 4 churches were removed.
- The few crossing points are wide, multi-lane streets with minimal pedestrian & bike infrastructure.



Interstate 980 construction in the 1980s.



Top: Looking north toward the 17th St crossing.
Bottom: Looking east toward downtown near the 14th Street overcrossing.



Looking south from the 34th St overcrossing at a BART train in the median of I-980 .

Study Process and Outcomes

- Address past harms and develop equity-based performance measures
- Collaborate with community to envision a future concept for I-980
- Balance multi-modal transportation demand and community needs
- Develop a range of scenarios to address those needs
- Identify corridor vision and recommend next steps to advance the vision

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.

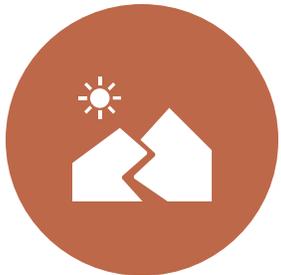
Explore Options:



Improving
Connections



Redesigning
Roadways



Transforming the
Freeway



Creating New
Opportunities

Complete Streets Plans

Oakland Walks (2017)

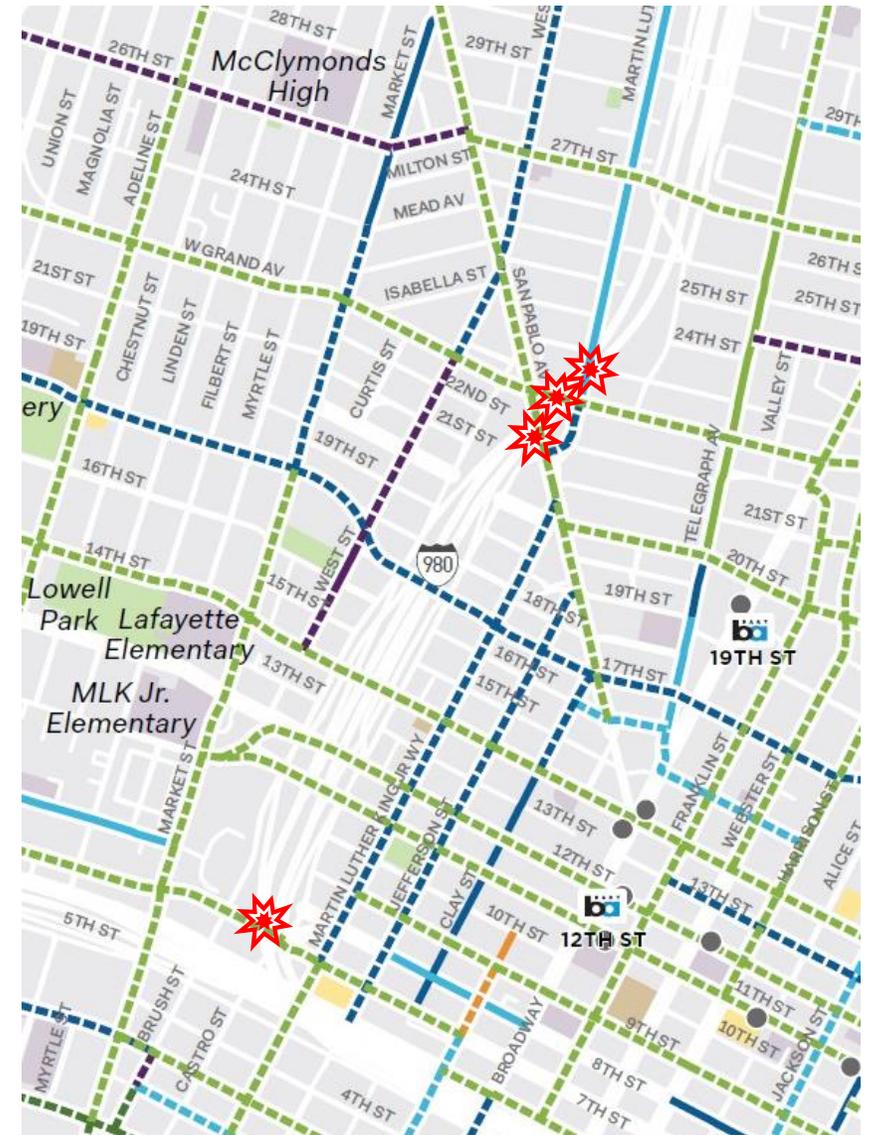
- W. Oakland sidewalks are in the worst shape in the city and W. Oakland has the 2nd highest average injury rate (behind Downtown)

Let's Bike Oakland (2019)

- 72% of W. Oaklanders want to bike more than they do today.
- Half of survey respondents in W. Oakland - more than any other area - felt that new bike lanes are a sign that a neighborhood is about to get less affordable.

Oakland High Injury Network Analysis (2024)

- HIN crossings include MLK Jr Way, W. Grand Ave, and San Pablo Ave.



Proposed bike network near I-980 from Oakland's Bike Plan with HIN crossings.

Air Quality & Freight Plans

West Oakland Community Action Plan

(BAAQMD - 2019)

- Higher concentrations of air pollution than most communities in Bay Area
- Heavy-duty trucks account for 40% of diesel PM emissions as well as PM2.5.

Alameda County Goods Movement Plan

(Alameda CTC - 2016)

West Oakland Truck Management Plan

(City of Oakland - 2019)

Northern Alameda County Truck Access Management Study (Caltrans - 2021)



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The West Oakland Community Action Plan – **Volume 1: The Plan**

October 2019

Land Use Plans

City of Oakland General Plan

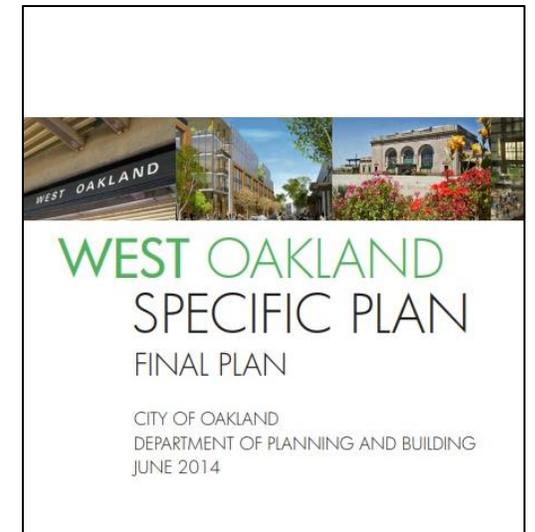
(anticipated 2025)

Downtown Oakland Specific Plan (2024)

- Calls for studying feasibility of replacing I-980 and for improving connections over the freeway

West Oakland Specific Plan (2014)

- Notes opportunities to “soften” I-980 crossings and provide transit loops to connect West Oakland and Downtown



Anti-Displacement Policies



Tenant Protections – Rent Adjustment Ordinance, Just Cause for Eviction Ordinance, Uniform Relocation Ordinance

Affordable Housing Production Policies – Dedicate units in new developments to low-income households

Downtown Oakland Specific Plan

- Zoning Incentive Program – Voluntary program where developers can build more intensity in exchange for community benefits (affordable housing units, streetscape improvements, public restrooms, etc.)
- Economic Development Strategy 2.8 – City of Oakland hopes to provide city owned or leased space at affordable rates for local entrepreneurs and small retailers



Public Engagement

- City Commissions and Neighborhood Councils
- Technical Advisory Committee with 10 agency and 6 CBO reps
- Tabling at Community Events
- 2 Mobile Workshops
- 1 Virtual Public Workshop

Community members looking at a historic West Oakland map, left, and drawing ideas for I-980's future at Vision 980 outreach events.



What We've Heard

- No project should worsen air quality or increase truck traffic in the West Oakland neighborhood
- Prioritize affordable housing for residents displaced or impacted by I-980 construction
- Understand feedback already provided in other planning processes on existing neighborhood issues
- Include potential near-term improvements for over/underpasses

Community members give feedback on the future of I-980 at an outreach event.

Ongoing Phase 1 engagement

- Public survey open through November 10th
- Phase 1 Concepts in early 2025
- Phase 1 Final Report late 2025



Community member drawing ideas for future of I-980 at a community outreach event

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Vision980>

Following Phase 1 and 2:

- Pursue funding for near- and long-term project elements
- Prepare additional plans such as PIDs, Environmental Documents, or Specific Plans

Thank you!

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