

To: Members of the County Physical Access Subcommittee

Subject: Alta Arden Expressway

Location/District: Alta Arden Expressway from 400 ft. West of Howe Ave and Fulton Ave

Recommendation: Review and Comment

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Summary: This project will construct new curb, gutter, and sidewalk infill along Alta Arden Expressway from Howe Avenue to Fulton Avenue. The project also includes re-striping to add buffered Class II bicycle lanes throughout the corridor to maintain continuous and consistent bicycle facilities within the project limits. Signal upgrades and pavement rehabilitation are also included in this project's scope.

The project aims to improve safety and mobility for all users, particularly pedestrians and cyclists within this corridor.

Key improvements include:

- New and re-construction of existing curb ramps for improved accessibility and safer crossings.
- Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and countdown pedestrian signal heads to assist all users at crossings.
- Traffic Signal modifications and video detection to enhance bicycle, vehicle and pedestrian mobility and safety.
- Pavement rehabilitation and replacement
- Concrete medians at Markston Way and Wright Street to redirect traffic to signalized intersections for crossing of Alta Arden Expressway

Funding Source(s): State STIP and Federal RSTP

Background Information: The project was established through the County's study and implementation of the Re-Envision West Arden Arcade Plan. The Plan was developed to create a long-term community vision to provide comfortable and connected transportation facilities for all users; balance multimodal operations through innovative design; promote a culture of safety for all modes of transportation; and integrate land use and transportation design concepts to provide for a mix of housing and economic opportunities. The planning process was primarily focused on developing multimodal transportation improvement concepts that could help advance the County's focus on equity, economic development,

and environmental sustainability. By improving the access for pedestrians and sidewalks along Alta Arden Expressway, the County will make an important step towards creating an equitable and accessible community. This includes a focus on accessibility for all people, no matter their ability, age, or mode.

Environmental clearance has been completed, and right-of-way acquisition negotiations will begin in October of this year. Construction is planned for Spring 2028, concurrently with Bell Street Safe Routes to School Project.