



SR-152/PACHECO BOULEVARD

POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS BASED ON INITIAL COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

During Workshop #1 and the first round of stakeholder meetings in November 2019, the community provided input on the type of improvements desired for SR-152/Pacheco Boulevard in the future to improve conditions for motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

During Workshop #2 (**Community Open House on February 4th**) and through the Online Survey, the community will help to prioritize potential “toolkit” items for enhancing SR-152/Pacheco Boulevard, and help to determine specific locations for improvements.

The workshop and online survey (to be posted February 5th) will be organized into the following five topics, with images and diagrams describing each item or concept. Workshop/survey participants will have a chance to discuss the potential improvements and provide feedback on priorities and preferences.

Topic #1: Reduce Congestion / Improve Traffic Flow

- Reduce driveway conflict points (remove/consolidate driveways, focusing on the central segment of Pacheco Blvd)
- Widen corners to accommodate U-turns
- Midblock turn/access restrictions using raised medians
- Change some two-way streets to one-way crossing streets near Downtown, potentially reducing the number of signals on Pacheco Blvd
- Roundabouts (e.g., at Merced College or Ward Road)

Topic #2: Improve Traffic Safety

- Traffic-calming / Speed-reducing treatments (e.g., lane narrowing, reduced speed limits, etc.)
- Speed enforcement (e.g., speed feedback signs, targeted police enforcement)
- Improved street lighting
- Improved visibility at intersections and crossings (daylighting intersections)
- Improved school drop-off procedures

Topic #3: Aesthetics and Streetscape Design

- Landscaped medians
- Landscaping adjacent to roadway
- Gateways and public art
- Unified wayfinding/directional

- Active streetfronts (e.g., store entrances and windows facing the street, buildings located near the street)
- Visually screening parking lots from the street (e.g., plants, decorative fencing)
- Street furnishings (seating areas, pedestrian scale lighting)
- Enhance parks near and along Pacheco Boulevard (*concept sketch: Pacheco Park extended to street*)
- Public easements for public streetscape improvements in new construction (e.g., additional area for wider sidewalks and landscaping)
- Sign design standards to unify appearance and size of business signage and billboards

Topic #4: Pedestrian Improvements

- Enhanced crossings at existing signalized intersections (e.g., high visibility crosswalks, pedestrian refuge island)
- New or enhanced midblock crossings (e.g., pedestrian-activated beacons)
- Pedestrian Overpass [prompt for potential location (e.g., at College, Creek, Rail Trail, West I Street)]

Topic #5: Bicycle Improvements

A) Preferred Potential East-West Routes (Concept Diagrams)

- “Zig-Zag” route from the College to Downtown, utilizing streets north of Pacheco Blvd connecting to the upcoming shared use path from the College to Badger Flat Road.
- Bike lanes along SR-152/Pacheco Boulevard in the roadway where possible
- Bike/pedestrian path along SR-152/Pacheco Boulevard adjacent to the roadway (e.g., south-side route east of Badger Flat Road connecting to upcoming shared use path to the College)

B) Preferred Potential North-South Enhanced Bicycle Crossings (Concept Diagrams)

- Rail Trail at the intersection with Mercey Springs Road. The existing trail could connect to a potential extension of the Rail Trail to the southeast.
- Intersection at W. I Street, just north of the current terminus of the canal path.
- Intersection of Pacheco Boulevard and Ortigalita Road.
- Potential crossing at Merced College connecting a future Los Banos Creek Trail to the shared use path