



Center Boulevard Bridge

The Center Boulevard Bridge over San Anselmo Creek was built in 1940. The existing three span bridge carries two narrow lanes of traffic and is supported by concrete abutments and pier walls.

Center Boulevard is classified as a principal arterial roadway providing direct access for local residents travelling into downtown San Anselmo and connectivity to other regional thoroughfares.

EXISTING BRIDGE CONDITIONS

Caltran has appraised the bridge as Structurally Deficient for its overall structural condition and waterway adequacy. Additionally, the bridge's narrow width make the bridge eligible for replacement under the Federal Highway Administration's Highway Bridge Program (HBP). The bridge is also a contributing factor to flooding in the area and has been identified as a priority for removal as part of the Ross Valley Flood Control Program for 100 Year Flood Protection.



COSTS & FUNDING

The Center Boulevard Bridge is funded in part by the federal Highway Bridge Program (88.53%) with matching local funds (11.47%). The local match will be provided by Marin County Flood Zone 9. This project may impact an existing building located over the creek (former Great Acorn Building), which is owned by the county. In essence, this project will cost the Town very little to implement.

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PROJECT SCHEDULE

As the project moves forward, both the schedule and key milestones will be updated on the project website.



Spring 2015

Preliminary data collection and analysis.



Oct. 21, 2015

Public open house to discuss the process and get feedback from the community regarding design selection.



TBD

Selection of the preferred bridge alternative and CEQA/NEPA environmental review.



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Final construction schedule established.

THE PROJECT

To help meet key project objectives, while minimizing environmental impacts, several bridge design alternatives will be evaluated and reviewed with the community at public meetings. **The bridge design will need to be consistent with the existing roadway classification and the Town's complete streets policy.** All design alternatives will focus on replacement of the existing bridge with a similar two lane bridge that will be wider to accommodate vehicles, bicyclists, and pedestrians with standard traffic lanes, shoulders, and ADA compliant sidewalks. Design changes will be considered to improve safety for all roadway users and alleviate congestion at the nearby intersections of Center Boulevard with San Anselmo Avenue/Sycamore Avenue and Bridge Avenue.

The bridge will also be designed to pass a 100-year storm event within the channel. In addition to the bridge being replaced, there will be temporary in-channel work required to remove the existing bridge piers, abutments,

excavate for the proposed bridge foundation, and relocate some utilities.

Throughout all phases of the project, measures will be implemented to minimize impacts to local residents, local commercial businesses, and address environmental impacts to the resources of San Anselmo Creek. It is currently anticipated that the existing bridge may remain in service during the construction of the new bridge and removed upon completion of the new bridge structure. Consequently, the need for a traffic detour is not currently anticipated at this location.

Construction activities within San Anselmo Creek must comply with a variety of measures and regulatory agency requirements designed to protect the creek corridor's habitat and aesthetic features. The project must address impacts to fish and wildlife within the creek. Impacts to trees and vegetation will be minimized consistent with Town policy. As a federally funded project, both federal and state environmental requirements (NEPA and CEQA) will be complied with.