

North Fork Matilija Creek Bridge Safety Improvement Project on State Route 33

Constructing a concrete barrier and widening the roadway

Aerial View of Project Site

(PM 18.88 - PM 19.04) (Length .11 miles = 582 feet)



- Remote mountainous area
- 9 miles from Ojai
- 64 miles from Maricopa



Four Full 55-Hour Extended Weekend Closures



SR-33 Northbound Direction

- Three extended weekend closures (EWC)
- includes:
 - 14' of existing roadway demolition.
 - Building 14' concrete moment slab including the key.
 - Remaining 7' of existing roadway is not enough to handle traffic flow.

SR-33 Southbound Direction

- One EWC will be required to pour concrete in the remaining 7' of existing roadway.

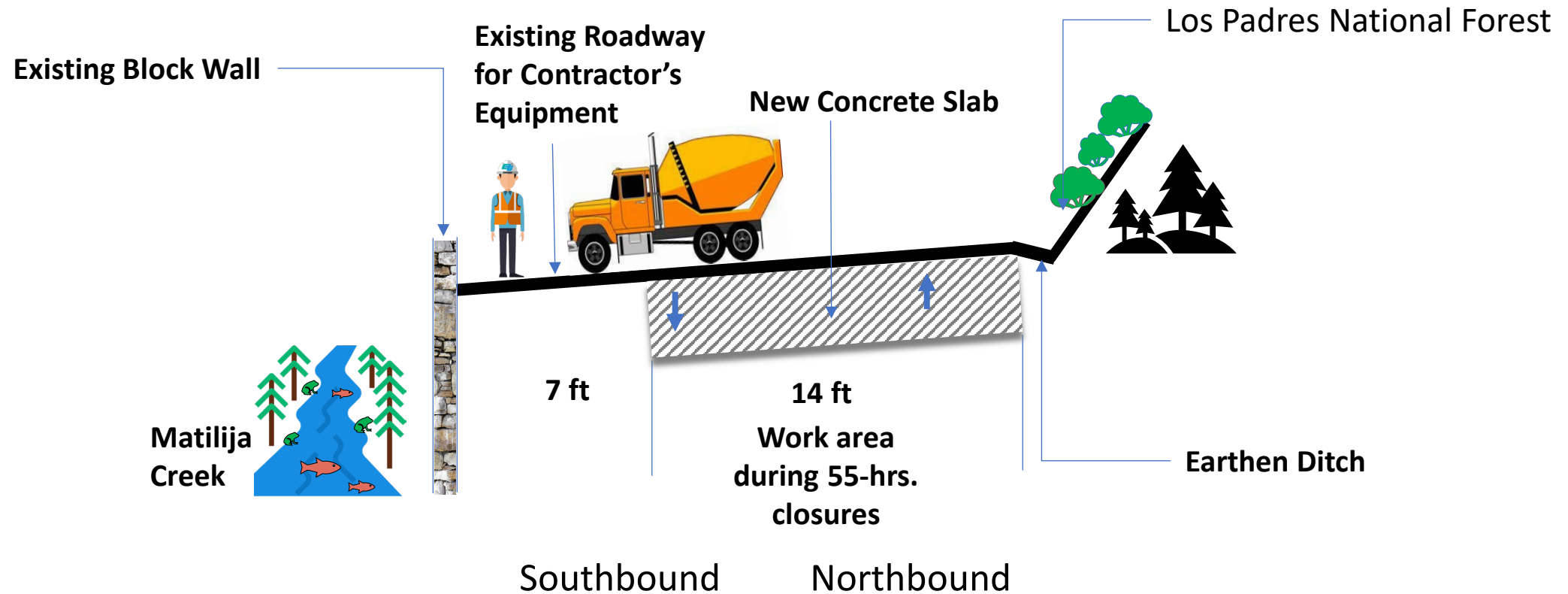
Construction challenges addressed by Extended Weekend Closures:

- Seven feet of the remaining existing roadway is not enough to have traffic flow.
- Weight and size of the pump.
- Construction areas will allow emergency vehicles to go through.
- Constructing the full width of the roadway in sections is not feasible due to the environmental restrictions and the sequence of work required to construct the moment slab.

Stage 1 (4 Extended Weekend Closures)



- NB Concrete Moment Slab Replacement
- NB and SB open to traffic during week days
- Reconstruct Bridge Barrier Railing Transition/Flashing Beacon



Roadway Existing Facing SB



Roadway Existing Facing NB



On Bridge Facing NB - Proposed



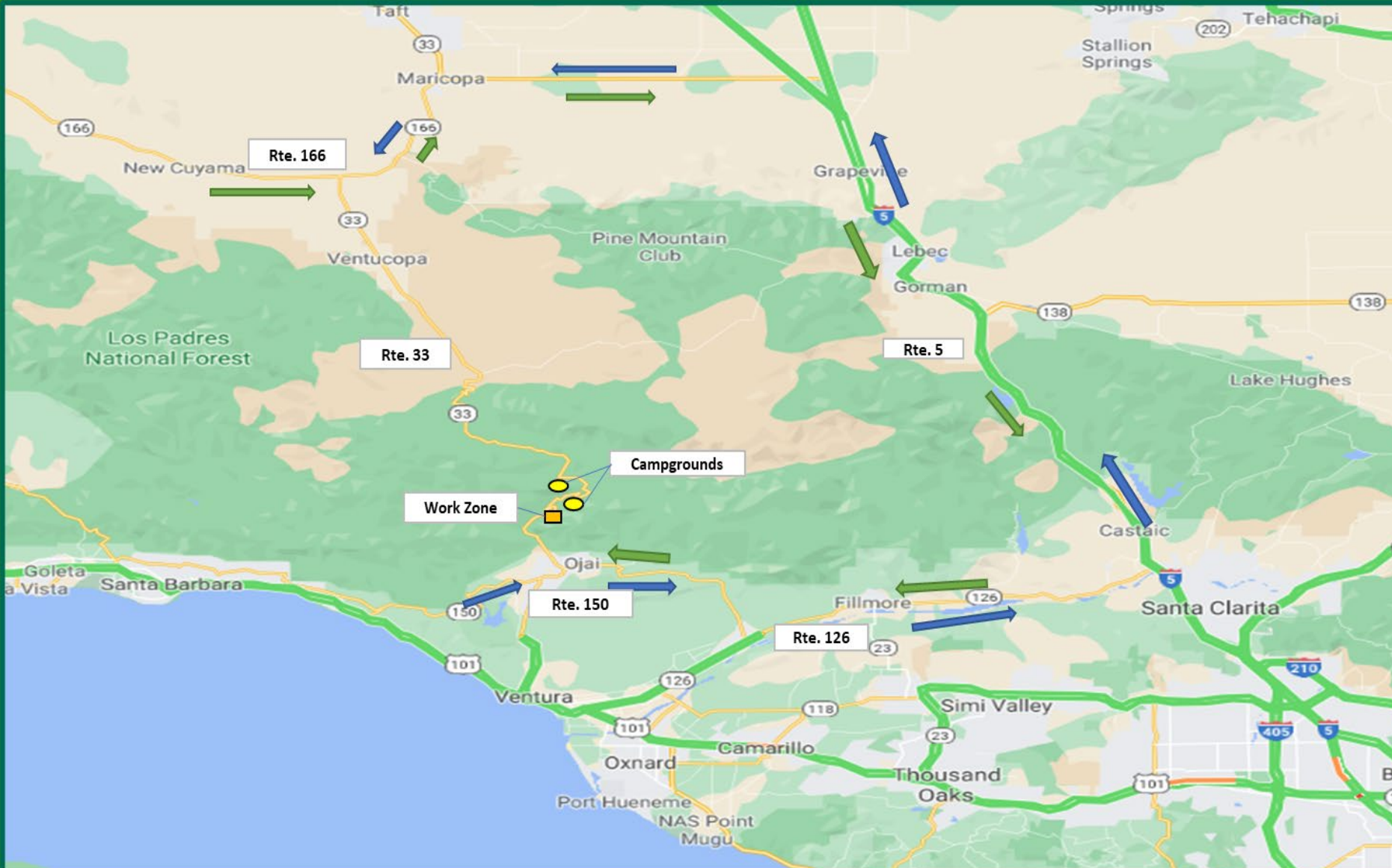
**Concrete Barrier Transition
Connecting to upgraded MGS**

**Upgrade to
Concrete
Barrier**

Flashing Beacon

**Upgrade Roadway Signs (25mph to
15mph)**

Extended Weekend Closure Traffic Impact



- Major concern:
 - Long detour (longest detour from south end of closure to campgrounds about 180 miles, 3 hours detour).
 - Detours will utilize Rte 150 (17 miles), Rte 126 (28 miles), Rte 5 (52 miles), and Rte 166 (36 miles) and Rte 33 (50 miles).
 - Campgrounds will be affected and will only be accessible from the north side.

Traffic Impact Mitigation Strategies



Public Awareness Campaign

- Coordinate with National Forest Services on campgrounds accessibility (only from the north)
- Outreach to City of Ojai on the proposed closures and the possible impacts
- Press Release
- Caltrans website / Social media

Motorists Information/Incident Management

- PCMSs in the town of Ojai and at/near campgrounds at least 4 weeks in advance of closures
- Highway Advisory Radio
- CHP presents at both ends of the closure to ensure no illegal entry into closure





SR 33 – Pavement Preservation Project in Oak View, Ventura County



Project History

► *Multimodal Study & Workshop (2018)*

- **Ventura County** initiated a multimodal study for State Route 33 (SR 33)
- In 2020, the **Ojai Valley Highway 33 Multimodal and Community Enhancement Study** was completed

Caltrans SHOPP Project

Caltrans is proposing a pavement preservation project on SR-33

- Between 0.6 mile south of Parkview Drive to 0.1 mile north of Foothill Trail

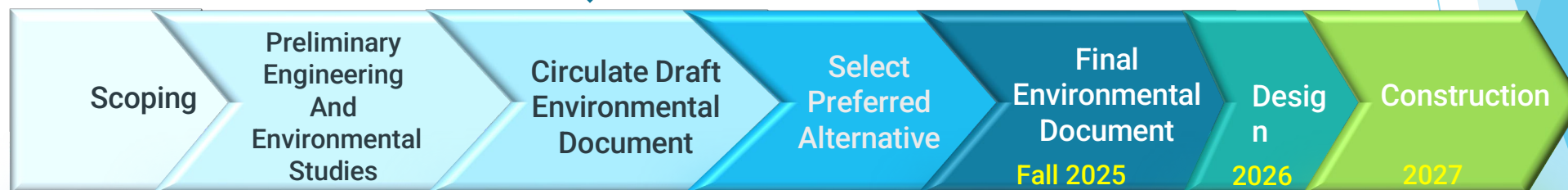
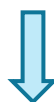
The purpose of this project is to preserve and extend the service life of the existing pavement, improve multi-modal mobility, ride quality, and safety by providing a better access for bicyclists, pedestrian, and transit users

- Scoping Meeting – March 2023
- Demonstration Project - Winter 2024
- Draft Environmental Document Public Hearing - June 2, 2025

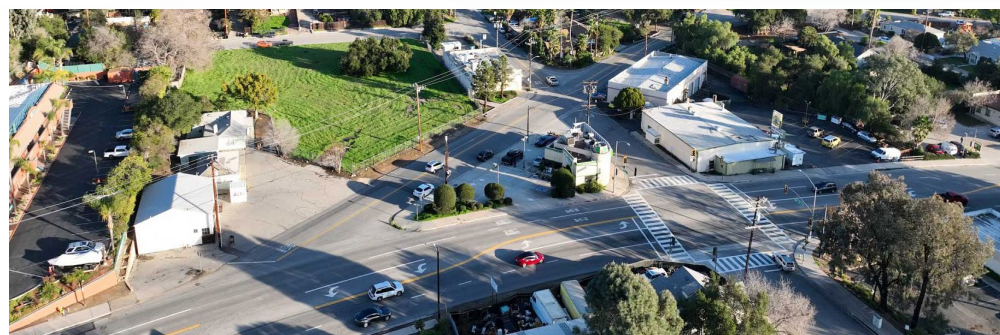




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Public Involvement



District 7
Los Angeles & Ventura Counties



Project Scope & Description

The project includes three alternatives:

Build Alternative A1:

This alternative scope of work (PM 6.30/13.49) includes upgrading the existing asphalt pavement, curb ramps, traffic signals, crosswalks, as well as upgrading the Metal Beam Guard Rail (MBGR) to Midwest Guardrail System (MGS). The project scope also proposes constructing new sidewalks, installing American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Pedestrian Infrastructure, bus pads with shelters, and pedestrian crossings.

Build Alternative A2:

This alternative includes scope of work in Alternative A1 and proposes reconfiguration of travel lanes from Santa Ana Blvd to Larmier Ave (0.6miles) The proposal includes travel lane reduction from 5 lanes to 3 lanes, with 1 through lane in each direction divided by two-way left turn lane. This alternative include two options for the bicycle lanes and sidewalks.

No Build Alternative B:

Under the No-Build Alternative, there would be no changes made to the existing facility. No action would be taken to improve the existing road condition, and the road quality would continue to deteriorate.

Options for Consideration for the Final Project Design (Alt 2)

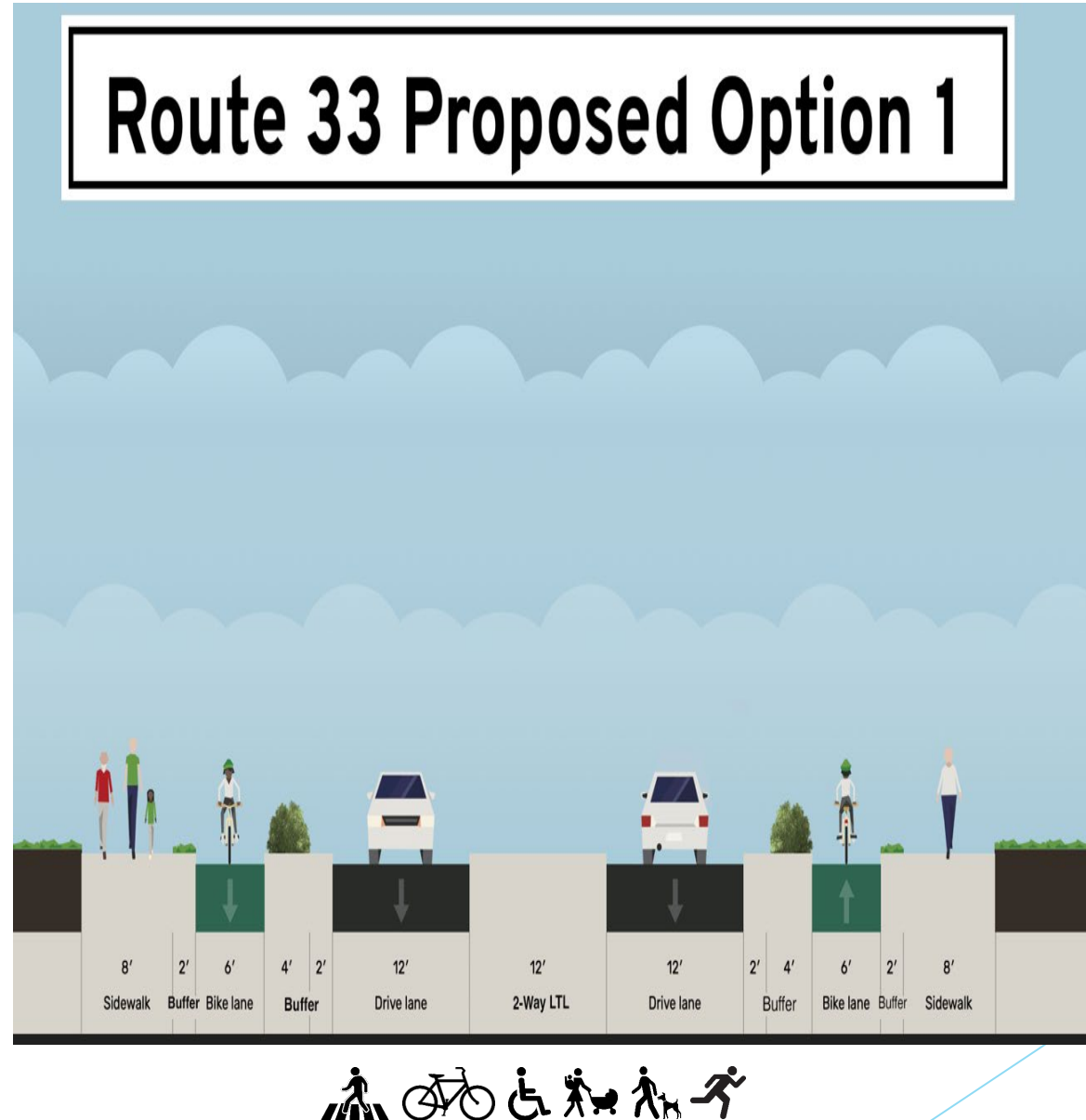
**Option 1: Class IV Bikeway
(Bike Lane + Buffered Bike Lane)
(Separated Bikeway)**



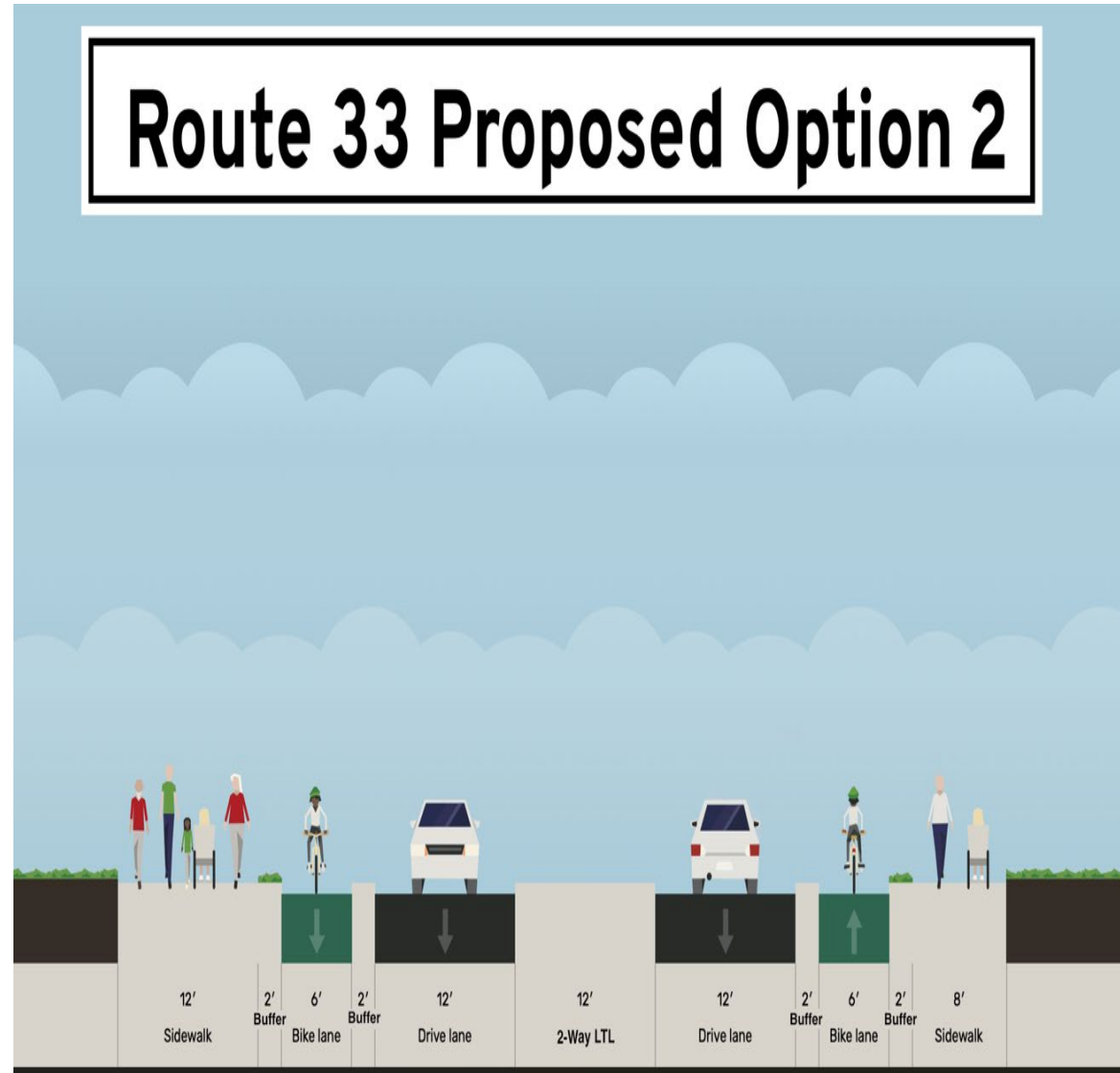
**Option 2: Class II Bikeway
(Same as the Demonstration
Project)**



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Additional Elements

- ▶ New sidewalks
- ▶ ADA curb ramps
- ▶ New bus pads and shelters
- ▶ High visibility crosswalk markings
- ▶ Five new pedestrian crossings with:
 - Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon (PHB)
 - Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB)



Draft IS/EA Availability and Comment Submission

- ▶ **Access online:** Draft Environmental Document and additional information can be found at:
<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/sr33-pavement-preservation-project>

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-7/district-7-programs/d7-environmental-docs>
- ▶ **Physical copies** can be found at **Oak View Library (555 Mahoney Ave, Oak View, CA 93022)**
- ▶ **Verbal comments** may be submitted and recorded today by way of our court reporter or through comment card
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***Public comment period will end on June 27th, 2025.**

Thank you for your interest in this important study

