



Alto Tunnel Bikeway and Pedestrian Corridor Study

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Mill Valley - Corte Madera Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Study (completed 2010).

The Mill Valley to Corte Madera Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Study studied three alternative routes between Mill Valley and Corte Madera, including (1) the Horse Hill/Alto Hill Pathway and connecting roadways, (2) reopening the Alto Tunnel for bicycle and pedestrian use, and (3) the Camino Alto/Corte Madera Avenue on-street route.

There was extensive public involvement during the study process. Over 600 people attended two public workshops to provide input and comments on existing conditions, opportunities, constraints, alternative concept designs, cost estimates, and other project details. Several hundred letters of input were submitted after each public workshop.

What's happened since the Study was completed?

Jurisdictional responsibility for each update is noted after the summary description (Town of Corte Madera, County of Marin, and City of Mill Valley). If you have questions about the update, please contact Public Works Department Staff at the appropriate jurisdiction.

Horse Hill Corridor

Corte Madera adds Class II Bicycle Lanes on a portion of Casa Buena Drive (Town of Corte Madera)

As part of routine road maintenance on Casa Buena Drive, the Town of Corte Madera redesigned the roadway striping to add new Class II bicycle lanes on the western portion of the roadway.

TAM Authorizes Funds for improving a portion of Lomita Drive (County of Marin)

The Transportation Authority of Marin authorized Measure A Safe Pathways grant funds to improve the eastern section of upper Lomita Drive in unincorporated Mill Valley. The project will construct a sidewalk between Shell Road/Court and the existing sidewalk at the Greenfield Court subdivision along with potential roadway improvements for cyclists. County staff are working with community members and adjacent property owners to develop the design. The schedule anticipates construction in 2013.

Edna Maguire School improvements to improve multi-use pathway connection (City of Mill Valley)

As part of the planned Edna Maguire School rehabilitation, the east-west multi-use pathway connecting to the Sausalito-Mill Valley path will be extended and placed south of the proposed reconfigured parking lot. This will provide separation for trail users from circulating and parking vehicles. A new crosswalk across the southern leg of the Lomita Drive intersection will provide a direct connection to the existing walkway along the east side of Lomita Drive, south of the school.

Alto Tunnel Corridor (Beginning Mid 2012)

BOS Authorizes Funds for Additional Alto Tunnel Study *(County of Marin)*

The Board of Supervisors authorized additional federal Non-motorized Transportation Pilot Program (NTPP) grant funds to refine cost estimates and further investigate issues identified in the Mill Valley to Corte Madera Bicycle and Pedestrian Study. This additional research will look to further evaluate property and right-of-way issues, as well as collect additional geotechnical information on the condition of the tunnel itself. This information will help to narrow the construction cost estimate contingency levels to achieve a higher level of confidence in how much it would cost if the tunnel were reopened or reconstructed for future bicycle and pedestrian use. Collection of the geotechnical information may or may not necessitate construction of a temporary investigative access way at or near one of the existing tunnel portals. This will depend on access, cost effectiveness and technical feasibility.

The County intends to again diligently work with and involve the public throughout this future study process. County staff are working on developing and refining a study scope of work and will post it to the project website as soon as it is released. It is anticipated that a Request for Proposals (RFP) would be released in early 2012 for consultant support. The study will likely commence in the summer of 2012, with completion summer 2013.

How Can You Stay Involved with and Informed about the Alto Tunnel?

County staff will utilize Interested Parties email lists from the Mill Valley to Corte Madera Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Study for public notifications and information. If you are not on this list and would like to add your contact information for future correspondence; OR if you are on the list and no longer wish to receive project information, please contact the County's Project Manager at:

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As with the past study effort, project information is available on the project webpage at:

http://walkbikemarin.org/projects_millvalley.php

