

Bernardo Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Undercrossing Project

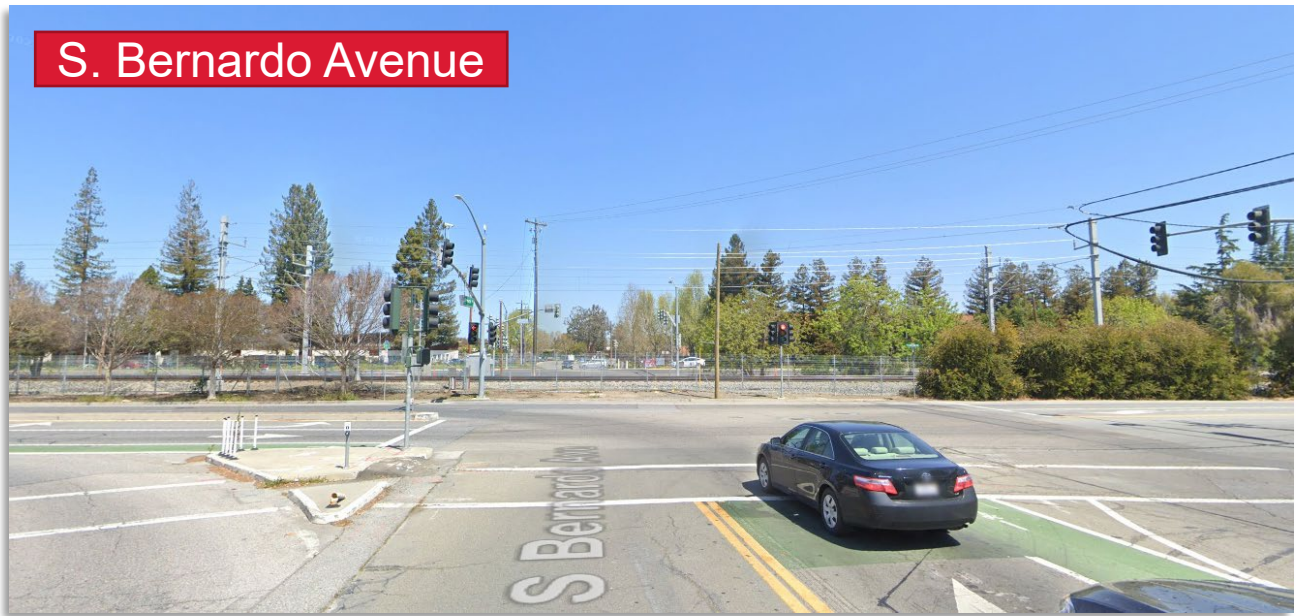
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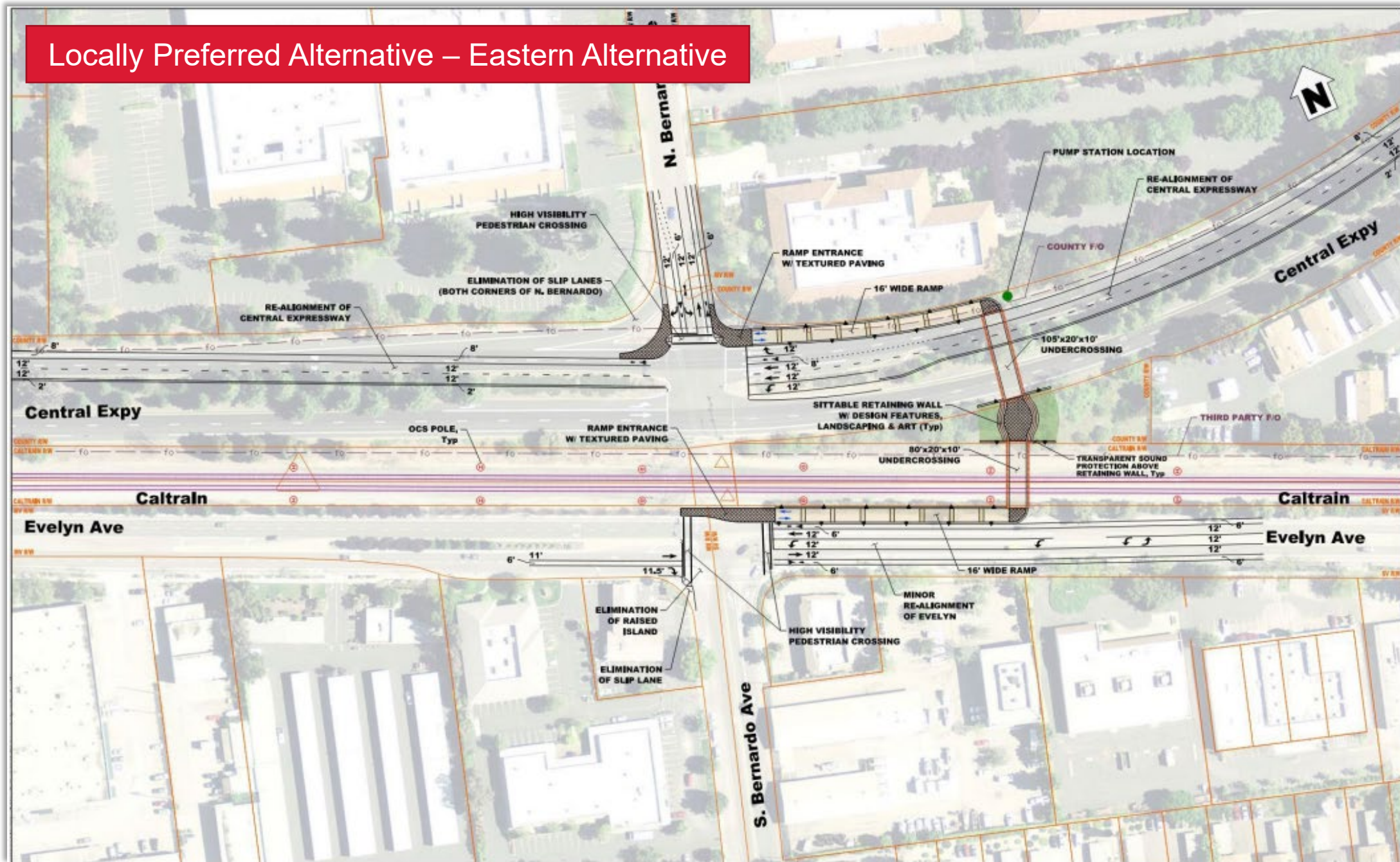
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Project Scope

- The Cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View propose the installation of a pedestrian and bicycle undercrossing at Bernardo Avenue and West Evelyn Avenue.
- The undercrossing would facilitate access between the northern and southern sides of the Caltrain ROW, as well as Central Expressway.
- The project would provide access between Sunnyvale neighborhoods and employment destinations to the north, and Sunnyvale west neighborhoods, schools, and employment locations south of the Caltrain tracks.

Locally Preferred Alternative – Eastern Alternative



Background

- **Caltrain is supporting and coordinating with the Cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View on the Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing Project**
- JPB passed Resolution to approve compatibility of the proposed project with current and future railroad needs in June 2021, with conditions
- Previous Service Agreement (SA) for Caltrain to perform Planning Coordination and Technical Review during the Conceptual Design phase was executed in October 2021
- City Councils adopted the Eastern Alternative as locally preferred alternative (LPA) in April and May 2023

Continued coordination and support

- Cities plan to complete their California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Clearance documents in Fall of 2023
- New Service Agreement (SA) needed for Caltrain to support **Completion of Preliminary Engineering and Design and CEQA/NEPA Environmental Clearance** under development
- **New SA Scope:**
 - Technical Review and Coordination up to 35% Engineering Design
 - Review City's CEQA clearance documents and Issue CEQA Determination
 - Review City's NEPA Clearance (for Caltrans)

Project Progress

- Conceptual design and alternatives development – **Completed**
- Selection of LPA by local jurisdictions - **Completed**
- Preliminary engineering – **In Progress**
- Environmental clearance documents, by City – **In Progress**
- CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD), by Caltrain – **Pending new SA**
- NEPA FTA clearance documents, by Caltrain – **Pending new SA**
- Evaluate contract delivery methods and select optimal method – **Pending future agreement**
- Final design request for proposal - **Pending future agreement**

Next Steps

- Finalize SA scope and not-to-exceed budget with cities for new SA
- Sunnyvale City Council to authorize City Manager to execute new SA
- Caltrain Executive Director to execute new SA
- Continue support to and coordination with Cities of Sunnyvale and Mountain View
- Prepare future Agreements

Staff Recommendations

Board:

- Authorize the Executive Director to **execute agreements with the City of Sunnyvale for the JPB to receive funds to support the completion of Preliminary Engineering and Design and CEQA/NEPA environmental clearance, for the Bernardo Avenue Undercrossing project.**
- Authorize the Executive Director to file any required documentation and to take any additional actions necessary to give effect to deliver this action.

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