

Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives

January 12, 2018 Board Presentation

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- Eastside Parkway Context
- Roadway Network Overview
- CEQA Goals and Objectives
- December 6, 2017 Public Input
- Schedule
- Recommendation

Regional Roads (~1991)



- ▶ **No Public Access**
- ▶ **Traffic flowed around Fort Ord**
 - **Northern route**
 - Hwy 1
 - Reservation Rd
 - Blanco Rd
 - **Southern route**
 - Hwy 68

- ▶ Establish a Development and Resource Management Plan (DRMP) – mitigation identified in the BRP Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) (pg. 4-112)

- ▶ The DRMP includes a “**Fair Share Financing Program**” (BRP Vol 1, pg. 195)
 - **FORA shall fund** its “Fair Share” of “on-site,” “off-site,” and “regional” roadway and transit capital improvements based on the TAMC regional transportation model.
 - The complete roadway network is mitigation for base reuse.
 - Eastside Parkway is an “**on-site**” roadway.
 - FORA annually updates its CIP to plan proposed roadway and transit capital improvements.

- ▶ DRMP requires FORA to coordinate with TAMC to monitor current and projected Levels of Service (LOS) on “**on-site**,” “**off-site**,” and “**regional**” roadways (BRP Vol 1, pg. 196)

- ▶ TAMC completed three transportation studies in coordination with FORA:
 - 1997 Fort Ord Transportation Study
 - 2005 FORA Fee Reallocation Study
 - 2017 FORA Fee Reallocation Study

▶ Regional Transportation Projects:

- **Hwy 1** (*Seaside and Sand City*)
- **Hwy 1** (*Monterey Rd Interchange*)
- **Hwy 156** (*Hwy 1 to Hwy 101*)

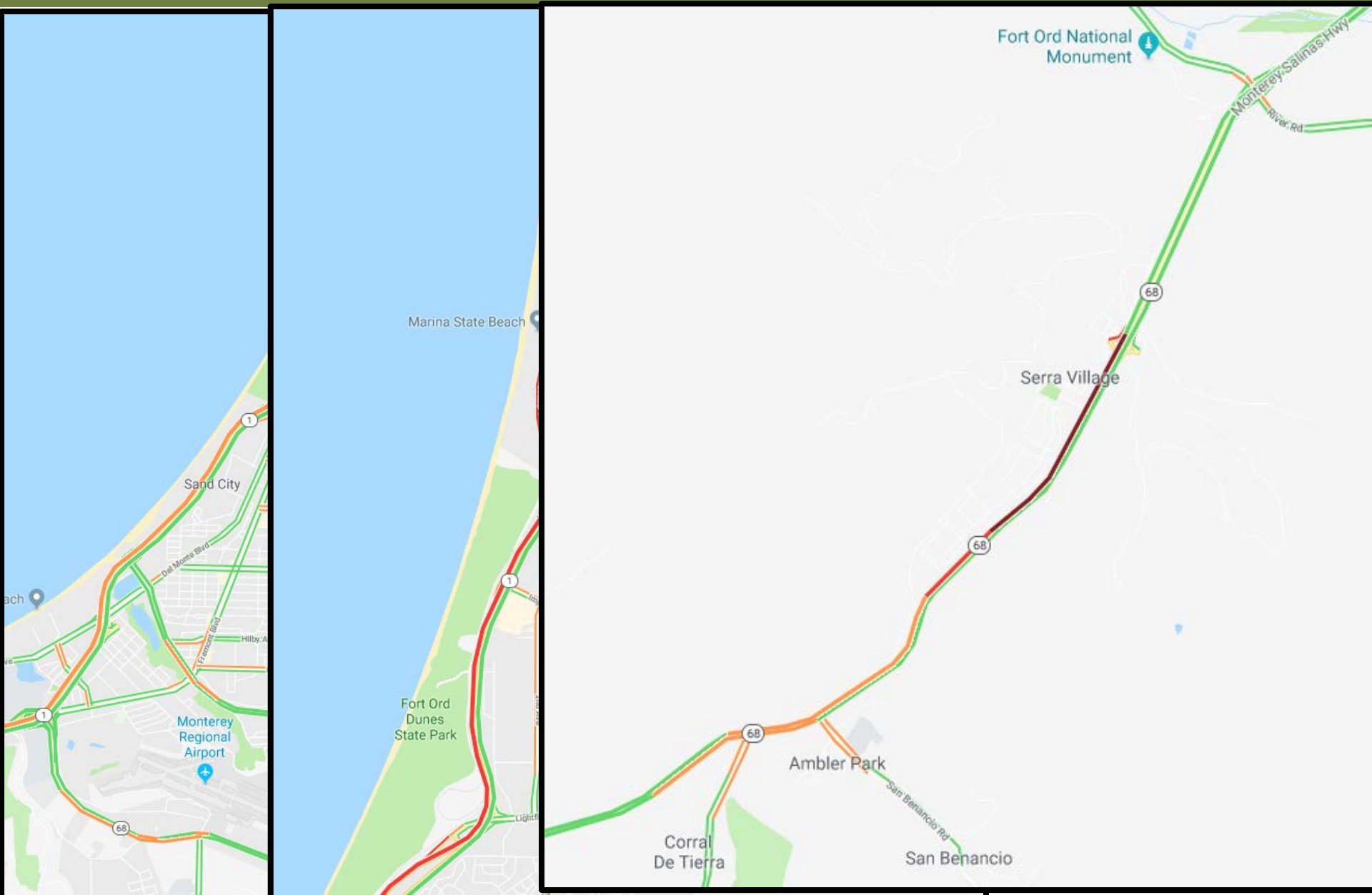
▶ Off-Site Transportation Projects:

- **Davis Rd** (*north and south of Blanco Rd in Salinas*)
- **Reservation Rd** (*East Garrison to Davis Rd in County*)
- **Crescent Ave Extension to Abrams Dr** (*Marina*)
- **Del Monte Blvd Extension** (*Marina*)

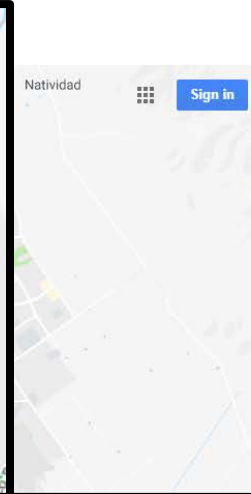
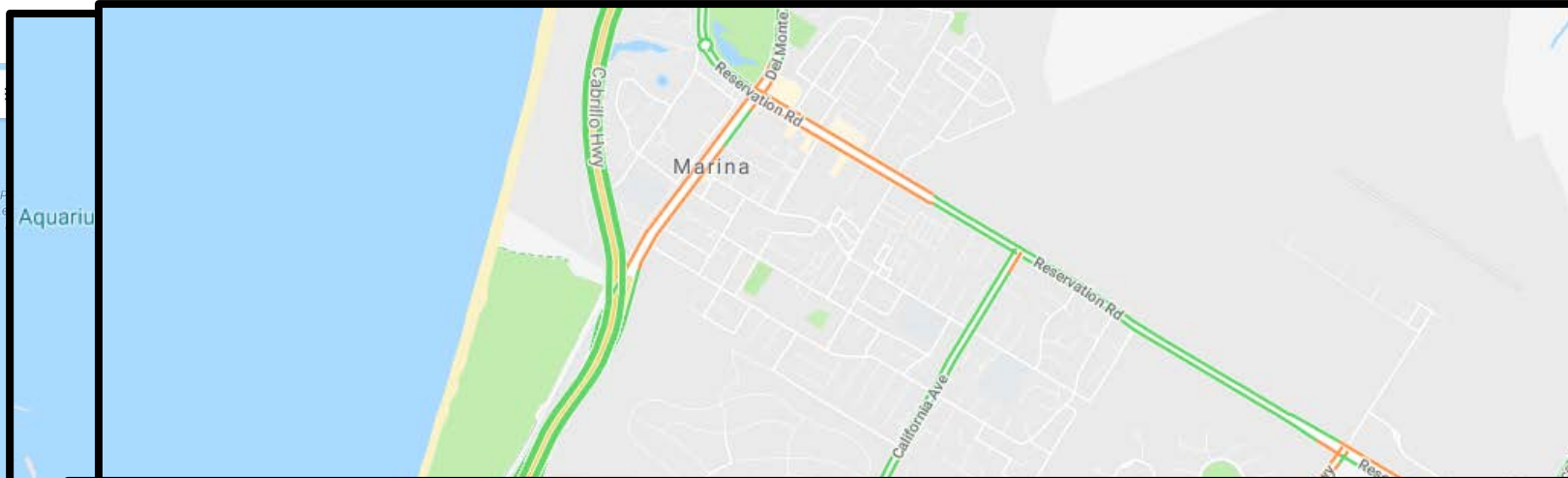
▶ On-Site Transportation Projects:

- **Abrams Dr** (*2nd Ave to Crescent Court, Marina*)
- **8th St** (*2nd Ave to Inter-Garrison Rd, Marina*)
- **Gigling Rd** (*Seaside*)
- **Salinas Ave** (*Abrams Dr to Reservation Rd, Marina*)
- **South Boundary Rd Upgrade** (*Del Rey Oaks/Monterey*)
- **Eastside Parkway** (*County*)

Google AM Traffic Map



Google PM Traffic Map



- ▶ **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**
 - High-quality environment
 - Provides information to public and decision makers
- ▶ **Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**
 - Program-level vs. Project-level
- ▶ **FORA acting as Lead Agency**
 - Primarily responsible for analysis and consultation

- ▶ EIR must contain a statement of the objectives sought by the proposed project
- ▶ Setting the goal is first step toward developing the project description
- ▶ Guide Alternative Analysis
 - Starting point to develop reasonable range of alternatives to be evaluated in EIR
 - Determine whether there is a feasible way to achieve basic objectives of project while avoiding impacts

- ▶ Goal = WHAT
 - **Describe Underlying Purpose**

- ▶ Objective = HOW
 - **Define objectives that would help in achieving the goal**

- ▶ 1-3 pm and 6-8 pm Public Workshop (Meeting)
- ▶ Written Public Comments – **Attachment B**
 - Comment sheets
 - Email – planning@fora.org; or board@fora.org
 - Mail – FORA, 920 2nd Ave., Ste. A, Marina, CA 93933
- ▶ Spoken Public Comments – **Attachment C**
- ▶ Questions from Public Meetings – **Attachment D**

- ▶ **December 6, 2017** – Community Workshop on project goals and objectives
- ▶ **January 2018** – Presentation of project goals and objectives for FORA Board consideration
- ▶ **March 2018** – Distribute Notice of Preparation for 30-day review period
- ▶ **April 2018** – EIR Public Scoping Meeting
- ▶ **December 2018** – Distribute Public Review Draft EIR for 45-day review period
- ▶ **December 2018** – Public Review Draft EIR Public Meeting
- ▶ **July 2019** – Final project approval and EIR certification for Board consideration

<http://www.fora.org/EastsideParkway.html>

- ▶ Discuss and consider approval of Eastside Parkway Goals and Objectives (Attachment A)
 - In its consideration, the Board may approve Attachment A as presented or as modified by Board motion.

The purpose of the proposed project is to make improvements to the on-site former Fort Ord transportation system necessary to reduce future traffic congestion along Highway 1, 12th Street (now Imjin Parkway), Blanco Road, and the Del Monte/2nd/General Jim Moore Boulevard corridor while maintaining valued recreational, cultural, and natural resources, consistent with the Reuse Plan FEIR and Development and Resource Management Plan.

Objectives

(enumerated for discussion purposes)

1. Provide a primary southwest-northeast corridor through former Fort Ord, while maintaining an acceptable level of service throughout the FORA CIP roadway network with the implementation of the approved reuse of Fort Ord.
2. Improve and provide efficient regional travel and access to the former Fort Ord, reducing travel time and distances and associated traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution emissions.
3. Serve the area immediately south of CSUMB campus.
4. Avoid bisecting CSUMB campus.
5. De-emphasize Inter-Garrison Road as a major vehicular route with greater emphasis placed on pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
6. Provide direct and efficient linkages from former Fort Ord lands to the regional transportation system.
7. Provide a safe and efficient street system at the former Fort Ord.
8. Connect the Fort Ord National Monument and California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery to regional roadways.

9. Design the project to respect and integrate natural resources by minimizing impacts to coast live oak woodland, special-status species, and wildlife corridors.
10. Maintain the aesthetic character of the area by avoiding or minimizing impacts from grading to major topographical features such as drainages, steep slopes, and scenic viewsheds.
11. Minimize noise impacts adjacent to sensitive receptors.
12. Consider the safety of residents, pedestrians, bicyclists, and wildlife through various project design features by:
 - Providing dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facilities,
 - Considering Regional Urban Design Guidelines for complete street design features, and
 - Implementing design features to minimize impacts to wildlife movement.

13. Protect designated habitat management areas from potential roadway edge effects by applying suitable buffers and project design features.
14. Minimize environmental impacts on existing communities, including, but not limited to CSUMB campus, City of Seaside, City of Marina, City of Del Rey Oaks, City of Monterey, MPC, and East Garrison.
15. Accommodate and maintain existing and proposed trail networks, including, but not limited to, the Fort Ord Recreational Trail and Greenway and other regional trails.