

U.S. Route 101 California Street Off-Ramp Relocation Project



ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING MEETING

REGISTRATION/OPEN HOUSE 6:00-6:45 PM

PRESENTATION 6:45-7:15 PM

OPEN HOUSE/COMMENT SUBMITTAL 7:15-8:00 PM

OCTOBER 14, 2014



Agenda



- Introduction/Overview
- Proposed Project Features
- Environmental Review Process
- Public Involvement
- Project Schedule
- Open House/Comment Submittal



Environmental Scoping



What is Scoping?

- Define the Proposed Project
- Define proposed Project Alternatives
- Determine major issues for environmental analysis
- Identify potential impacts/issues of concern

What is Your Role?

- Early involvement/participation
- Provide comments/relevant information
- Stay involved

Project Location



Funding



- Project initially funded in 2000
- Project funding put on hold due to State Budget
- In 2012 City received Federal funding to complete preliminary design and environmental review
- Current total project estimated cost is \$27.8M
- No funding is currently identified for project completion

Project History/Purpose and Need



- Part of larger Beach-Town capping project (Phase I)
- Allow reconnection of Downtown to the beach



Project History/Purpose and Need



- Project originally identified in 1993 DSP
- Relieve traffic congestion and confusion
- Allow California Street to be pedestrian/bike oriented
- Classified as “Catalytic Project” in 2007 DSP



Alternatives



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- No Build Alternative
- Build Alternative (1 lane & 2 lanes)

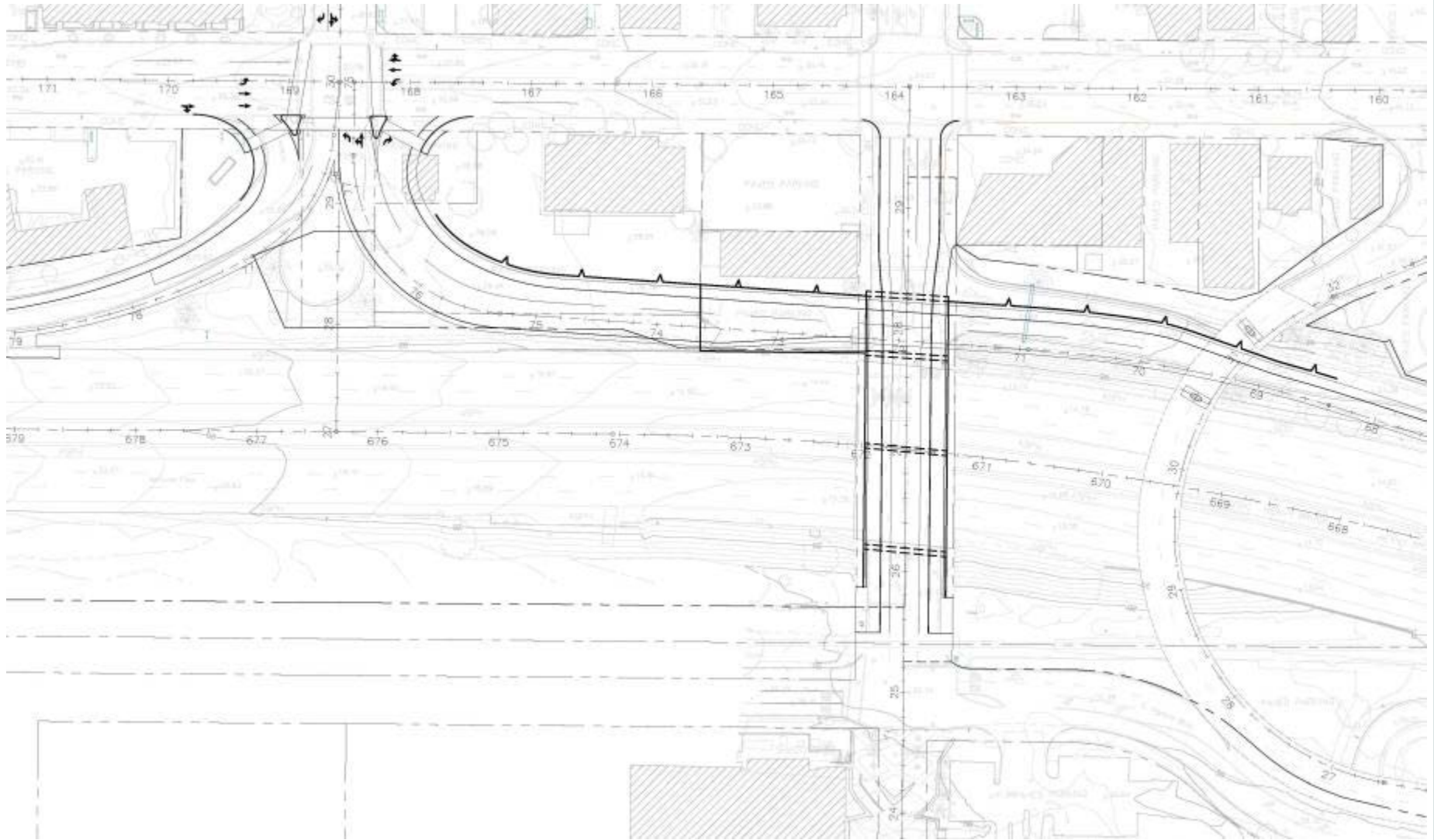
Design Options

- Open Sided Tunnel

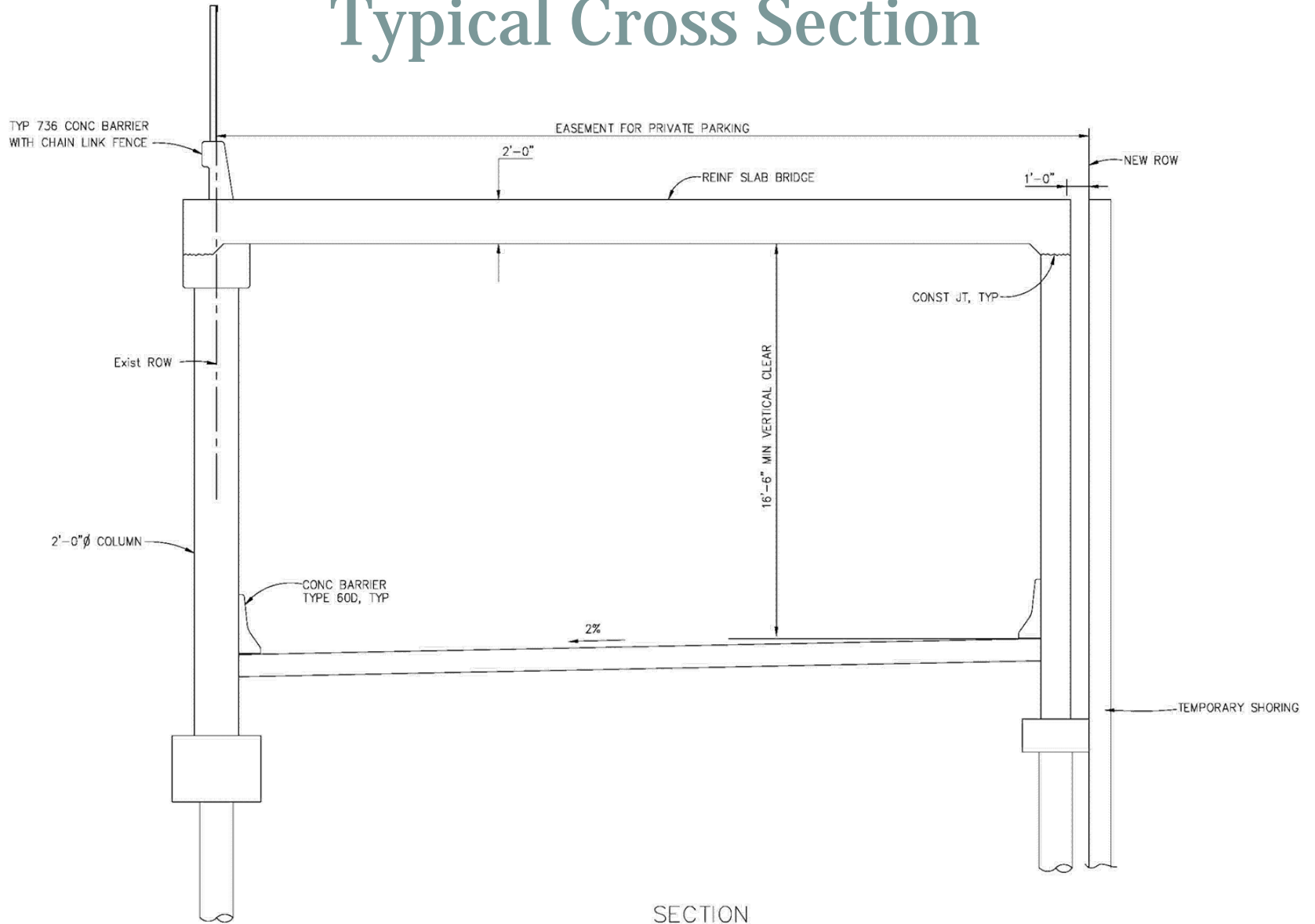
Eliminated Alternatives

- Save Existing Overcrossing
- Roundabout Intersections

Preliminary Layout



Typical Cross Section



SECTION

$\frac{3}{8"} = 1'-0"$

Project Features



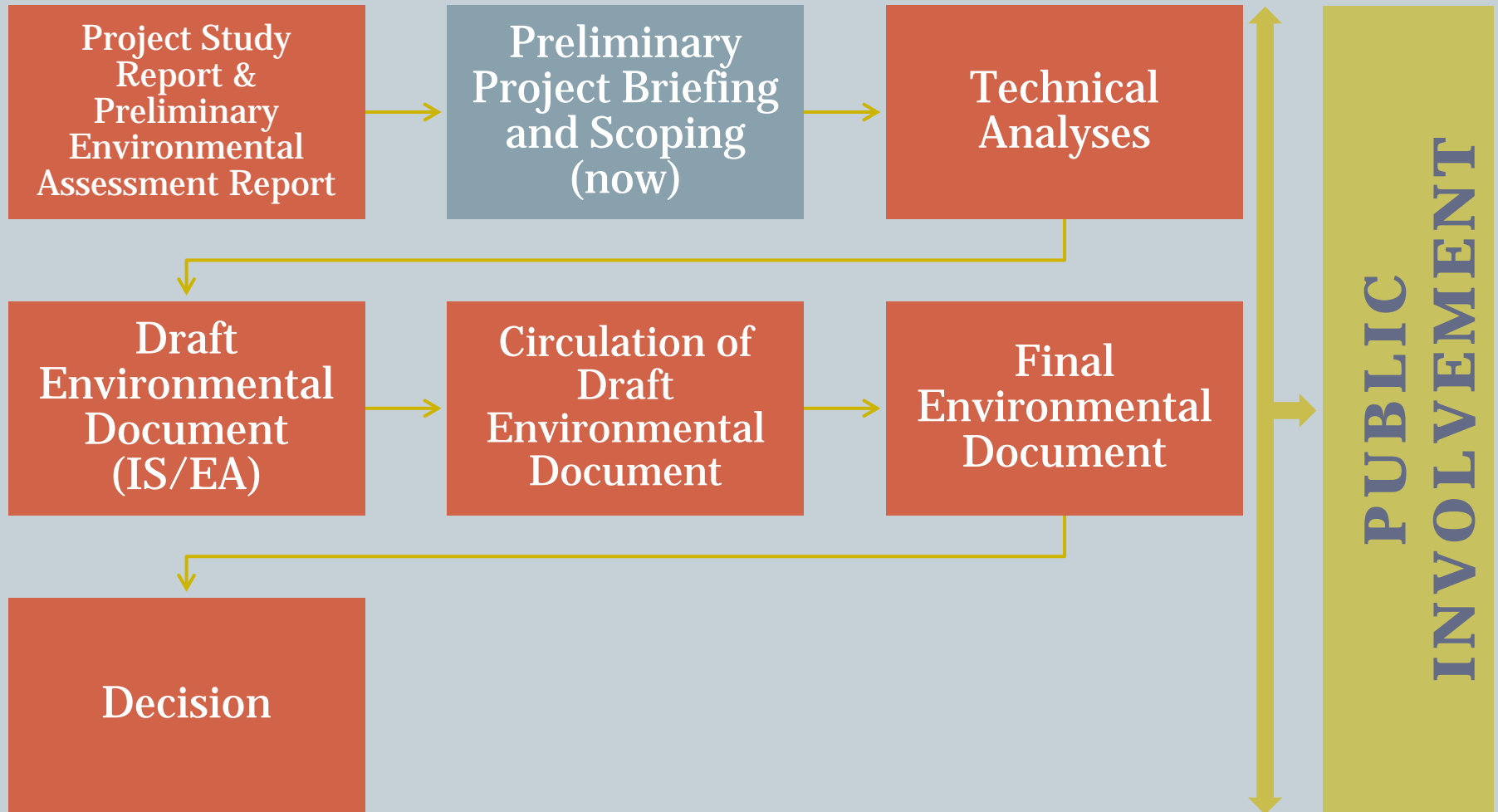
- **Relocated Off-Ramp**
- **Replacement of California Street Overcrossing**
- **Revised On-Ramp Alignment**
- **Right of Way Needs**
- **Sewer**
- **Drainage**

Environmental Laws



- **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**
 - Initial Study (IS)
 - Caltrans is CEQA Lead Agency
- **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**
 - Environmental Assessment (EA)
 - Caltrans is NEPA Lead Agency
- **Joint CEQA/NEPA Document (IS/EA)**
- **Technical Studies: traffic, air quality, noise, community impacts, hazardous materials, cultural resources, water quality, biological resources, visual resources.**

Environmental Review Process



Project Schedule



Scoping Meeting	October 14, 2014
Public Scoping Period Ends	November 13, 2014
Technical Studies Completed	December 2014
Public Review of Draft IS/EA	June 2015
Final IS/EA	August 2015

Public Involvement



Public Scoping Meeting

→ **October 14th, 2014**

Circulation of Draft IS/EA

→ **Anticipated June 2015**

Please submit comments by Nov. 13, 2014

➤ **Submit a comment card:**

Welcome Table

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