

NEWPORT BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Public Outreach Meeting

September 16, 2019



Background

- SR-55 / Newport Boulevard Improvements Study, 2013
 - Seven alternatives considered
 - One of the viable alternatives included was widening in southbound direction (TSM Alternative)
- Project recommended in the GP Circulation Element
- Project included in Traffic Impact Fee Study

Transportation System Management



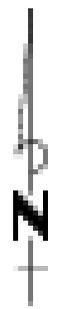
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- Proposed improvements include:
 - Widening to 4 southbound lanes between 19th Street and 17th Street/Superior Avenue
 - Pedestrian and ADA improvements
- Peak hour and summer traffic results in “cut-through” impacts.
- Goal:
 - Provide relief to Eastside neighborhoods and other areas while improve traffic flow.



Project Location

- Project within Caltrans' jurisdiction.
- Project designed by the City of Costa Mesa in coordination with Caltrans.



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- Funding:
 - OCTA Measure M2 Grant received in 2016 for engineering design of project improvements.
- OCTA Grant is an Arterial Capacity Enhancement (ACE) Grant:
 - Provides capital improvement funding for capacity enhancements.
 - Roadway widening where additional capacity is needed
 - Gap closures for roadways to increase roadway capacity as it relates to vehicular traffic to MPAH build-out.



Funding

- OCTA Measure M2 Grant Funds (ACE)
 - \$281,250 with a required minimum City match of \$93,750
- Traffic Impact Fee Funds
 - Total \$222,342 for City match and remaining portion of funding for design
- No allocation of right-of-way and construction funds for the project at this time. Staff will submit a grant application in future.



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- Design Phase:
 - Onward Engineering selected in April 2019.
 - Engineering Concepts being developed.
- Scope of Work:
 - The consultant is to perform the engineering design services for vehicular traffic as well active transportation improvements.
 - Three public outreach meetings and BWC review included in the scope.

