



Memorandum



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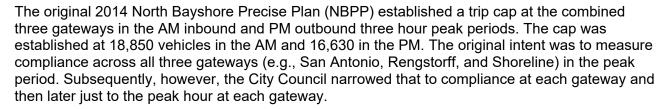
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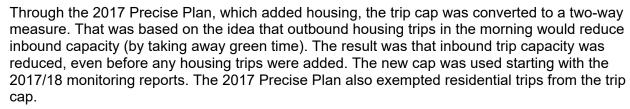
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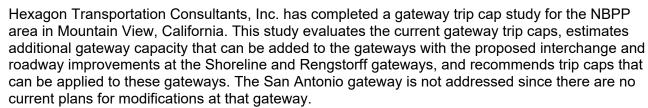
Subject: Gateway Trip Cap Study for the North Bayshore Area in Mountain View, California



Background







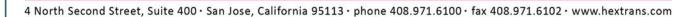
Given there are several possible trip caps, this memorandum recommends a more simplified approach with trip caps that apply only to the peak direction of travel (northbound in the morning and southbound in the evening) for the three-hour peak period. Because the proposed roadway and interchange improvements would occur at the Shoreline and Rengstorff gateways, this study focuses on trip cap evaluation and estimates for these two gateways. The recommended trip caps were estimates based on the 2014 NBPP vehicle trip caps, which do not reflect the residential developments planned for the NBPP area. The timing and effects of the residential development are not known at this time, so Hexagon believes the residential development should be excluded from the trip cap for now. Once residential development is built and occupied, its impact on the traffic conditions in North Bayshore can be assessed, and the trip cap could be revisited if necessary.



Review of Current Trip Caps

The 2014 NBPP trip caps were reviewed by comparing the recent trip monitoring reports and the capacity calculated using the Synchro analysis developed for existing conditions for the 2017 NBPP EIR.





The 2017 NBPP trip caps reflect the residential developments planned for the for the NBPP area, which have not been implemented. Therefore, for the purpose of this study to estimate the trip caps with the proposed interchange and roadway improvements at the Shoreline and Rengstorff gateways, the 2014 NBPP trip caps were used.

Review of the recent trip monitoring reports indicates that the most recent monitoring report (2020 Spring) had the highest volumes, and the peak-hour volumes were all lower than the capacities. To examine whether the trip caps need to be modified, the capacities calculated using the Synchro software were compared to the trip caps. The Synchro capacity calculated for the Rengstorff gateway at the Charleston Road/Rengstorff Avenue/Amphitheatre Parkway/Garcia Avenue (CRAG) intersection is 2,380 vehicles, which is higher than the 2014 NBPP trip cap (2,090). The Synchro capacities that calculated for the Shoreline gateway (both AM and PM peak hours) and the Rengstorff gateway in the AM peak hour are all slightly lower than the caps. Thus, Hexagon believes the PM peak-hour capacity at Rengstorff could be increased to 2,380 vehicles in the PM peak hour, and the other existing capacities should remain as is. The comparison of the trip caps and Synchro capacities is included in Attachment A.

For the peak-period trip caps in the 2014 NBPP, the peak-hour caps were multiplied by a factor of 2.7. The factor is the ratio of 3-hour peak-period to peak-hour volume counted at the Shoreline gateway in 2014. However, that does not reflect the true capacity. Hexagon recommends that the peak-period trip caps be calculated by multiplying the peak-hour capacities by a factor of 3.0.

Table 1 summarized the current trip caps and most recent volumes for the Shoreline and Rengstorff gateways.

Table 1
Current Trip Caps and Recent Volumes

	AM Inbound				PM Outbound			
	Sho	reline	Rengstorff		Shoreline		Rengstorff	
-	Peak Hour	Peak Period	Peak Hour	Peak Period	Peak Hour	Peak Period	Peak Hour	Peak Period
Current Trip Cap (2014)	2,490	6,720	2,960	7,990	2,730	7,380	2,090	5,630
Most Recent Volume from Monitoring Report (Spring 2020)	2,480	7,220	2,480	6,130	2,410	6,750	2,020	5,150

Trip Cap Estimates with Proposed Roadway Improvements

The additional gateway capacity with the proposed interchange and roadway improvements on Shoreline Boulevard and Rengstorff Avenue were estimated using Synchro software and comparing to the VISSIM simulation prepared by TJKM for the Shoreline and Rengstorff gateways.

The study evaluated the following improvement scenarios:

- Shoreline Boulevard Improvements: Bus Lane, northbound right-turn lane at Pear Avenue, and Plymouth Street/Space Park Way realignment (see Attachment B).
- Shoreline Boulevard/US 101 Northbound Off-Ramp Realignment (see Attachment C).



- CRAG Intersection Turn Lanes: Addition of a 2nd northbound right-turn lane on Rengstorff Avenue, a third westbound left-turn lane on Charleston Road, and conversion of the 2nd eastbound through lane on Garcia Avenue to a right-turn lane (see Attachment D).
- Rengstorff Avenue/US 101 Northbound Ramp Realignment at Landings Frontage Road (see Attachment F).

For the Shoreline Boulevard/US 101 ramp realignment, because the vehicle queuing and weaving on the US 101 northbound off-ramp would limit the ability of vehicles to access the right-turn lane to turn on eastbound La Avenida, the right-turn lane capacity was estimated based on the VISSIM simulation. The 10-minute VISSIM simulation shows 45 vehicles making right turns from the off-ramp to eastbound La Avenida, which calculates to a one-hour capacity of 270 vehicles for the right-turn lane. The realignment project would add a northbound right-turn lane at the Shoreline Boulevard/La Avenida intersection. However, because the right-turn lane would be short and likely to be blocked by the through movement frequently, the right-turn lane capacity was also estimated based on the VISSIM simulation. The VISSIM simulation indicates a one-hour capacity of 100 vehicles for the right-turn lane.

Table 2 summarizes the estimated capacities for these scenarios and the findings/reasonings for the estimates. The assumptions for calculating the capacities using Synchro are included in Attachment A.

The recommended AM and PM trip caps are shown in Tables 3 and 4, respectively. While individual trip caps are estimated for the peak hour and peak period at both the Shoreline and Rengstorff gateways, it is recommended to combine both gateways in the peak periods in order to reflect the shift of future traffic demand when capacity is approached.

Summary of Recommendations

- Define the trip cap in one direction only (AM inbound, PM outbound). This approach can be revisited when a significant amount of housing has been developed and the impact on peak direction capacity is better understood.
- 2. Use factor of three to convert peak hour to peak period.
- 3. Adjust current PM capacity at Rengstorff gateway.
- 4. Recommend new trip caps to be utilized when specific infrastructure projects are completed.
- 5. While individual trip caps are estimated for the peak hour and peak period at both the Shoreline and Rengstorff gateways, consider an approach that combines both gateways in the peak periods in order to reflect the shift of future traffic demand when capacity is approached.



Table 2
Estimated Peak-Hour Capacity with Proposed Improvements

	AM Peak Hour Inbound Capacity	Note Note	PM Peak Hour Outbound Capacity	Note
Shoreline Gateway				
Current Gateway Trip Cap (2014)	2,490	The current gateway capacity is constrained by the northbound capacity at the Shoreline/Pear intersection.	2,730	The current gateway capacity is constrained by the southbound capacity on Shoreline and westbound capacity on La Avenida at the Shoreline/La Avenida intersection.
Shoreline Bus Lane + NB RT at Pear Ave + Plymouth/Space Park Realignment	2,590	Although the improvement would increase the northbound capacity at each intersection (Pear and Plymouth), the gateway capacity would be constrained by the upstream intersection at La Avenida. Therefore, the gateway capacity would be the vehicle capacity that can pass through the La Avenida intersection, which would have slightly lower capacity than the capacity at the Pear Avenue intersection.	2,730	Although the improvement would increase the southbound capacity at the Plymouth intersection, the gateway capacity would still be constrained by the downstream intersection at La Avenida. Therefore, no change to the gateway capacity.
Shoreline/US 101 NB Off-Ramp Realignment	additional capacity of 350 vehicles on Shoreline and 370 vehicles on	Although the new off-ramp would increase the NB capacity on Shoreline north of La Avenida by reducing signal phases at the La Avenida intersection from three to two phases, the capacity is also constrained by the NB capacity approaching the Pear intersection. The northbound capacity on Shoreline would increase by 350 vehicles. The new off-ramp would also provide additional capacity of 370 vehicles for vehicles entering the North Bayshore area through eastbound La Avenida via northbound right turns at the US 101 NB off-ramp/La Avenida and Shoreline/La Avenida intersections.	3,020	The new off-ramp would increase the southbound capacity at the Shoreline/La Avenida intersection by reducing signal phases from three to two phases. The new off-ramp would also increase the westbound capacity on La Avenida. However, because the westbound capacity would also serve a majority of traffic from the US 101 off-ramp, the westbound capacity for the North Bayshore area would not change.
Rengstorff Gateway				
Current Gateway Trip Cap (2014)	2,960	The current gateway capacity is constrained by the northbound capacity at the CRAG intersection.	2,090	The current gateway capacity is constrained by the southbound capacity at the CRAG Intersection.
Recommended One- Hour Capacity at Rengstorff	-		2,380	Based on the comparison of the gateway capacities to the capacities calculated using Synchro, the Synchro capacities are all lower than the gateway capacities, except on Rengstorff in the PM peak hour. The Synchro capacity at CRAG is 2,380 vehicles in the PM peak hour, which is higher than the assumed gateway capacity (2,090). Therefore, the outbound gateway capacity could be increased to 2,380 vehicles at CRAG in the PM peak hour.



software for 2017 NBPP existing conditions.

	AM Peak Hour Inbound Capacity	Note	PM Peak Hour Outbound Capacity	Note
CRAG Intersection Turn Lanes	2,960	Because the intersection is very close to the US 101 NB off-ramp, the NB vehicle queuing and weaving between the intersection and ramp would limit the ability of vehicles accessing the additional RT lane. Therefore, the 2nd RT lane is not expected to increase the gateway capacity.	2,740	Adding additional turn lanes would increase the gateway capacity by 360 vehicles from 2,380 to 2,740 vehicles.
Rengstorff/US 101 NB Ramp Realignment at Landings Frontage Road	3,700	The improvement would constrain the northbound capacity on Rengstorff at the new ramp intersection, but would provide additional capacity for vehicles entering the North Bayshore area via eastbound Landings Dr. Overall, the gateway capacity would increase.	3,080	The improvement would add southbound capacity on Rengstorff, and would provide additional capacity for vehicles exiting the North Bayshore area via westbound Landings Dr.

Table 3
Recommended AM Peak Period Trip Caps with Proposed Improvements

	AM Inbound					
Scenario	Shor	eline	storff	Shoreline + Rengstorff		
Scenario	Peak Hour	Peak Period	Peak Hour	Peak Period	Peak Hour	Peak Period
Current Trip Cap (2014)	2,490	6,720	2,960	7,990	5,450	14,710
Recommended Trip Cap	No change	7,470	No change	8,880	No change	16,350
Shoreline Bus Lane + NB RT at Pear Ave + Plymouth/Space Park Realignment	2,590	7,770	No change	8,880	5,550	16,650
Shoreline/US 101 NB Off-Ramp Realignment	3,210	9,630	No change	8,880	6,170	18,510
CRAG Intersection Turn Lanes	No change	7,470	2,960	8,880	5,450	16,350
Rengstorff/US 101 NB Ramp Realignment at Landings Frontage Road	No change	7,470	3,700	11,100	6,190	18,570



Attachment ASynchro Analysis Approach/Assumptions/Notes

Shoreline AM Inbound

	Trip Cap on	Trip Cap on		Total NB Capacity on
	Shoreline	La Avenida	Assumption/Approach	Shoreline by Synchro
2014 Trip Cap	2,490		Based on the Synchro analysis for 2017 NBPP existing conditions. Updated the NB LT lanes from two lane to one lane at Pear Ave. The total NB Lane capacity is 2,272 vehicles.	2,272
NB Bus Lane Phase at Pear Ave	-470		Added a NB bus phase, and increased the cycle length by 9 seconds. Moved 36 NB TH and 12 NB RT vehicles to the bus lane. The total NB lane capacity is reduced from 2,272 to 1,832 vehicles by 19% (470 vehicles).	1,832
NB Bus Lane Phase + NB RT at Pear Ave + Increased Ped Calls	100		Added a NB bus phase, increased the cycle length by 9 seconds (5 sec green and 4 sec yellow+all red for the bus lane phase), increased FDW time for EB/WB due to an additional RT lane, and increased Ped calls for all directions. Moved 36 NB TH and 12 NB RT vehicles to the bus lane. Reduced NB LT lanes from two to one lane and added a NB RT lane. Although the NB RT lane would increase the NB capacity of the Pear Ave intersection, the capacity is also constrained by the NB capacity exiting the La Avenida intersection (2,365 vehicles). Therefore, the NB capacity is expected to increase from 2,272 to 2,365 vehicles by 4% (100 vehicles).	2,365
Plymouth/Space Park Realignment	0		Coded the intersection in Synchro with protected LT phases for all LT lanes. EB includes a shared LT/TH and a RT and WB includes a LT and a shared TH/RT. Added a NB bus lane phase. Moved 10 NB LT and 26 NB TH vehicles to the bus lane. Same cycle length as the Pear Ave intersection with a NB bus phase. Although the realignment would increase the NB capacity of the intersection (2,623 vehicles), the NB capacity is also constrained by the NB capacity exiting the La Avenida intersection (2,365 vehicles). Therefore, the improvement would not increase the gateway capacity, which is constrained by the upstream intersection at La Avenida.	2,623
Trip Cap with Bus phase + NB RT at Pear Ave + Plymouth/ Space Park Realignment	2,590			

Shoreline AM Inbound

	Trip Cap on	Trip Cap on		Total NB Capacity on
	Shoreline	La Avenida	Assumption/Approach	Shoreline by Synchro
US 101 NB Off-Ramp on La Avenida	350		Although the new off-ramp would increase the NB capacity on Shoreline north of La Avenida (2,687 vehicles) by reducing signal phases at the La Avenida intersection from three to two phases, the capacity is also constrained by the NB capacity approaching the Pear intersection (2,600 vehicles). Therefore, the total NB capacity is expected to increase from 2,272 to 2,600 vehicles by 14% (350 vehicles).	2,600
		100	The new off-ramp would provide the additional capacity for vehicles entering the North Bayshore area through EB La Avenida via the new NB RT lane at the Shoreline/La Avenida intersection. However, because the NB RT lane is very short and likely to be block by the TH movement frequently, the RT capacity is estimated based on the TJKM's VISSIM simulation.	
		270	The new off-ramp would provide the additional capacity for vehicles entering the North Bayshore area through the NB RT at the US 101 NB off-ramp/ La Avenida intersection. However, because the vehicle queuing and weaving on the ramp would limit the ability of vehicles accessing the RT lane, the RT capacity is estimated based on the TJKM's simulation.	
Trip Cap with Bus phase + NB RT at Pear Ave + Plymouth/ Space Park Realignment + US 101 NB Off-Ramp on La Avenida	2,840	370	3,210	

Shoreline PM Outbound

	Trip Cap on	Trip Cap on		Total SB TH Capacity on	WB Capacity on La
	Shoreline	La Avenida	Assumption/Approach	Shoreline by Synchro	Avenida by Synchro
2014 Trip Cap	2,250	480	Based on the Synchro analysis for 2017 NBPP existing conditions. The total SB Lane capacity from SB TH and WB LT at the La Avenida intersection is 1,814 vehicles.	1,660	154
SB Bus Lane Phase + NB RT at Pear Ave	0		Added a SB bus phase and increased the cycle length by 9 seconds (5 sec green and 4 sec yellow+all red for the bus lane phase). Moved 12 SB LT & 36 SB TH vehicles to the bus lane. Reduced NB LT lanes from two to one lane and added a NB RT lane. The total SB Lane capacity at the Pear Ave intersection is reduced from 2,003 to 1,787 vehicles. Because the SB capacity is constrained by the SB capacity (1,660 vehicles) approaching the La Avenida intersection, no change to the gateway capacity.	1,787	
Plymouth/Space Park Realignment	0		Coded the intersection in Synchro with protected LT phases for all LT lanes. EB includes a shared LT/TH and a RT and WB includes a LT and a shared TH/RT. The SB capacity at the intersection is higher than the La Avenida intersection. Because the SB capacity is constrained by the SB capacity (1,660 vehicles) approaching the La Avenida intersection, no change to the gateway capacity.	2,525	
Trip Cap with Bus phase + NB RT at Pear Ave + Plymouth/ Space Park Realignment	2,250	480	2,730		

Shoreline PM Outbound

	Trip Cap on Shoreline	Trip Cap on La Avenida	Assumption/Approach	Total SB TH Capacity on Shoreline by Synchro	WB Capacity on La Avenida by Synchro
US 101 NB Off-Ramp on La Avenida	290		The new off-ramp would increase the SB capacity on Shoreline north of La Avenida from 1,660 to 1,880 vehicles by 13% (290 vehicles) by reducing signal phases at the La Avenida intersection from three to two phases.	1,880	
		0	The new off-ramp would also increase the WB capacity on La Avenida. However, because the WB capacity would also serve a majority of traffic from US 101 NB off-ramp. It is assumed the WB capacity for the North Bayshore area would not change.		439
Trip Cap with Bus phase + NB RT at Pear Ave + Plymouth/ Space Park Realignment + US 101 NB Off-Ramp on La Avenida	2,540	480	3,020		

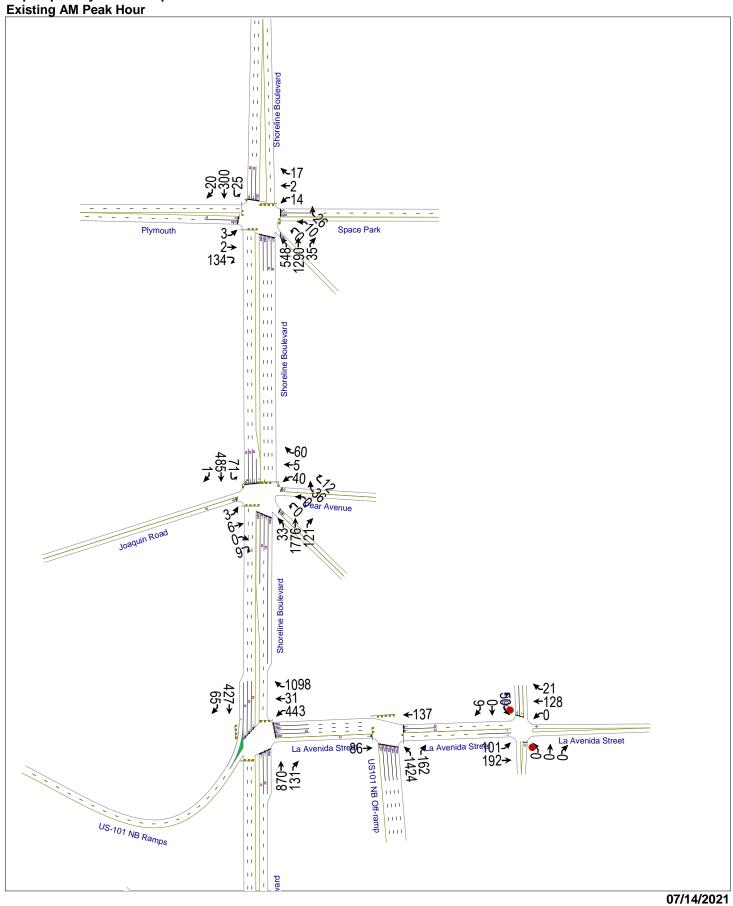
Rengstorff AM Inbound

	Trip Cap on	Trip Cap on		Total NB Capacity on	Total EB Capacity on
	Rengstorff	Landings	Assumption/Approach	Rengstorff by Synchro	Landings by Synchro
2014 Trip Cap	2,960		Based on the Synchro analysis for 2017 NBPP existing conditions. NB capacity at the CRAG intersection.	2,715	
CRAG Intersection Turn Lanes	0		Added a 2nd NB RT on Rengstorff, a 3rd WB LT on Charleston, a EB RT on Garcia. No change to signal timing/phasing. Because the intersection is very close to the US 101 NB off-ramp, the NB vehicle queuing and weaving between the intersection and ramp would limit the ability of vehicles accessing the additional RT lane. Therefore, the 2nd RT lane is not expected to increase the gateway capacity.	3,241	
Trip Cap with CRAG turn lanes	2,960				
Rengstorff/US 101 Ramp Realignment and Landings frontage road	-140		Coded a 4 leg intersection with EB/WB split phases and NB/SB protected phases. NB capacity exiting the intersection (2,575) is lower than the NB approach capacity at CRAG (2,715). Therefore, the NB capacity is constrained by the new intersection and would be reduced by 140 vehicles. Landings Dr would provide the additional capacity for vehicles enter the North Bayshore area via EB Landings Dr.	2,575	879
Trip Cap with Rengstorff/US 101 Ramp Realignment and Landings frontage road	2,820	880	3,700		

Rengstorff PM Outbound

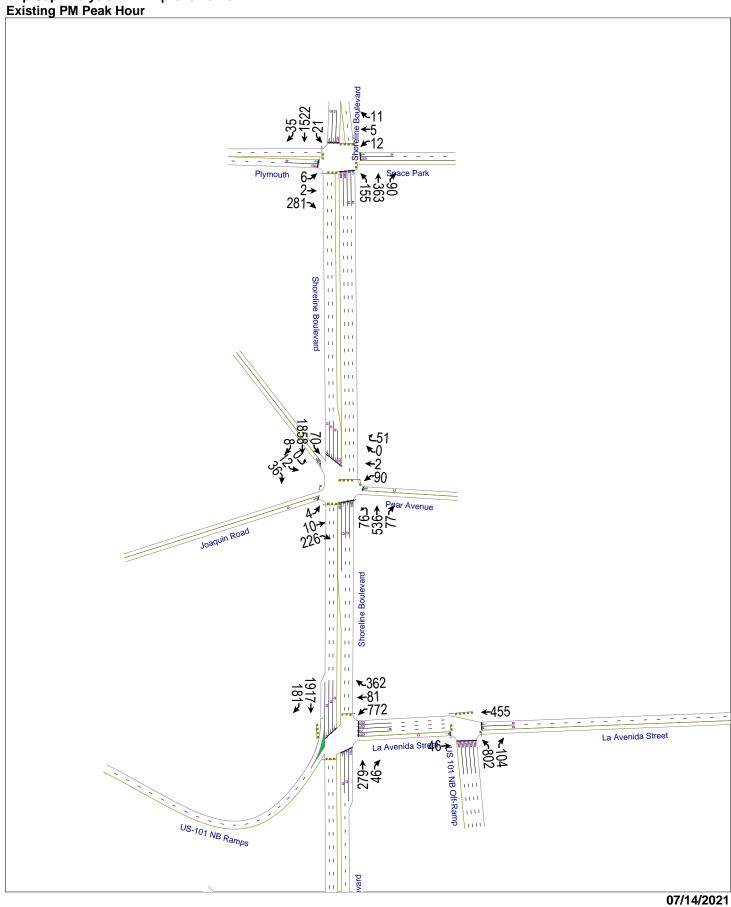
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2014 Trip Cap	2,090		Based on the Synchro analysis for 2017 NBPP existing conditions. SB capacity at the CRAG intersection.	2,375	3 , ,
Recommended Change to the Current Capacity	2,380		Based on the comparison of the gateway capacities to the capacities calculated using Synchro, the Synchro capacities are all lower than the gateway capacities, except on Rengstorff in the PM peak hour. The Synchro capacity at CRAG is 2,375 vehicles in the PM peak hour, which is higher than the gateway capacity (2,090). Therefore, the outbound gateway capacity could be increased to 2,380 vehicles at CRAG in the PM peak hour.	2,375	
CRAG Intersection Turn Lanes	360		Added a 2nd NB RT on Rengstorff, a 3rd WB LT on Charleston, a EB RT on Garcia. No change to signal timing/phasing. Increase the SB capacity at CRAG from 2,375 to 2,743 vehicles by 15% (360 vehicles).	2,743	
Trip Cap with CRAG turn lanes	2,740				
Rengstorff/US 101 Ramp Realignment and Landings frontage road	150		Coded a 4 leg intersection with EB/WB split phases and NB/SB protected phases. The SB RT to NB onramp would provide the additional outbound capacity.	2,526	
		550	Landings Dr would provide the additional capacity for vehicles exit the North Bayshore area via EB Landings Dr.		553
Trip Cap with Rengstorff/US 101 Ramp Realignment and Landings frontage road	2,530	550	3,080		

Trip Cap Analysis with Improvements



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US-101 SB Ramps



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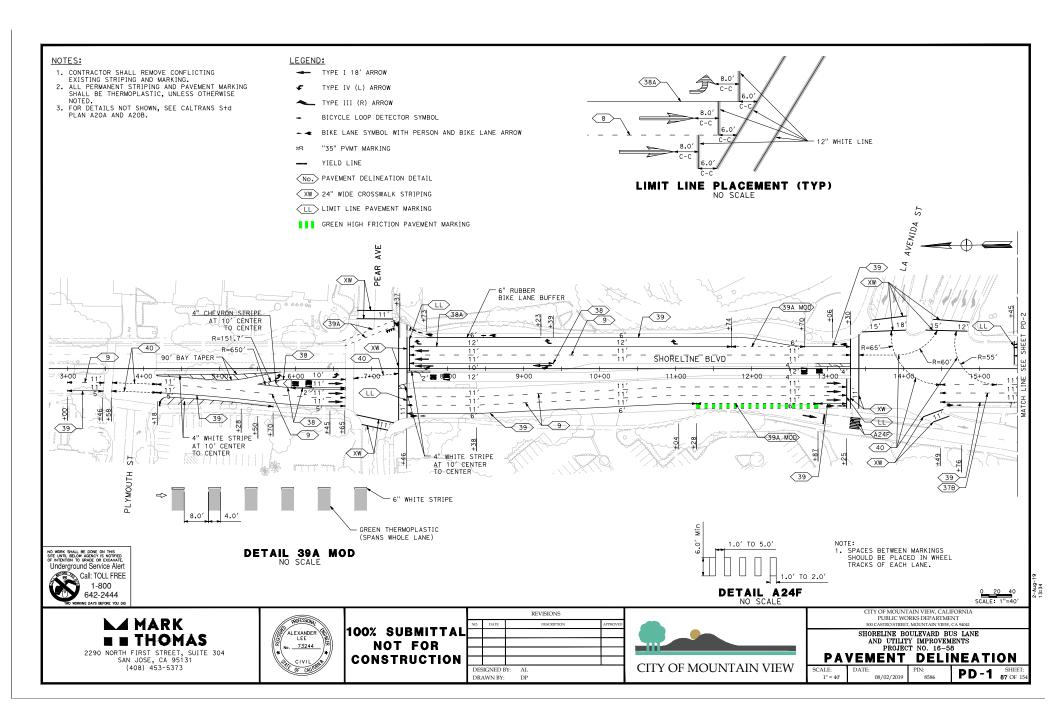
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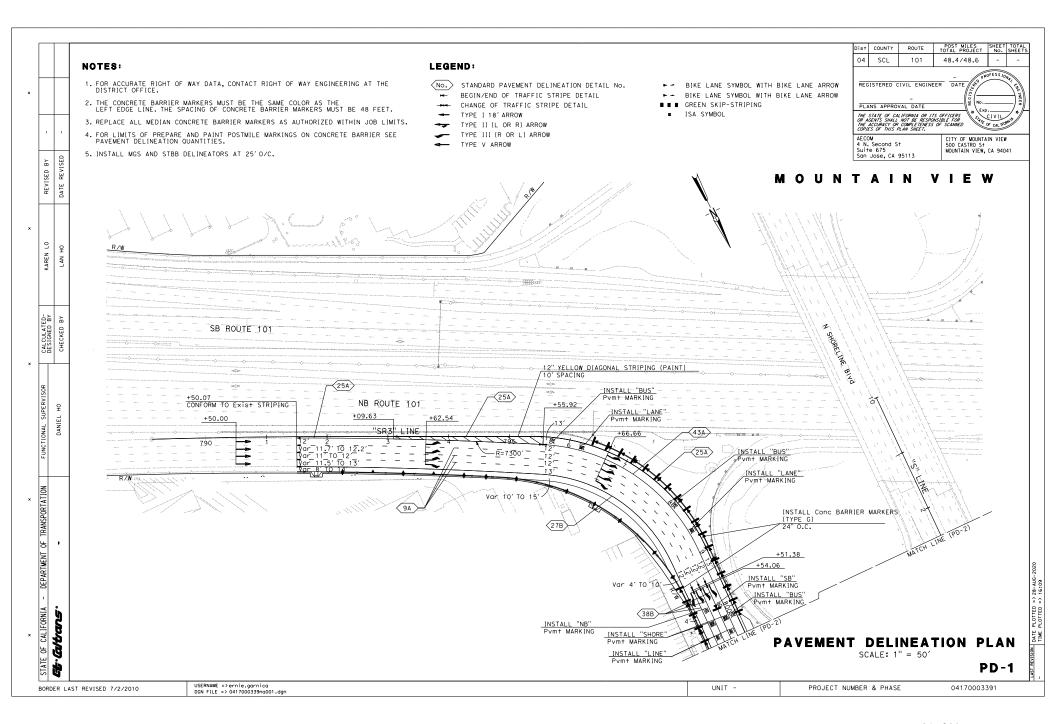
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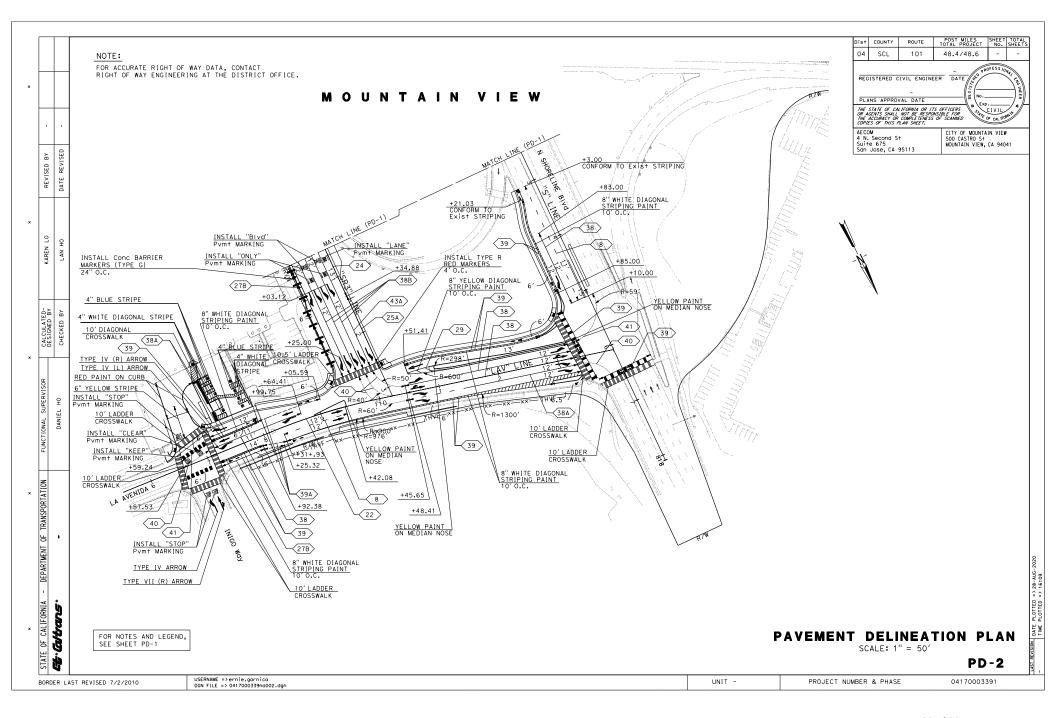
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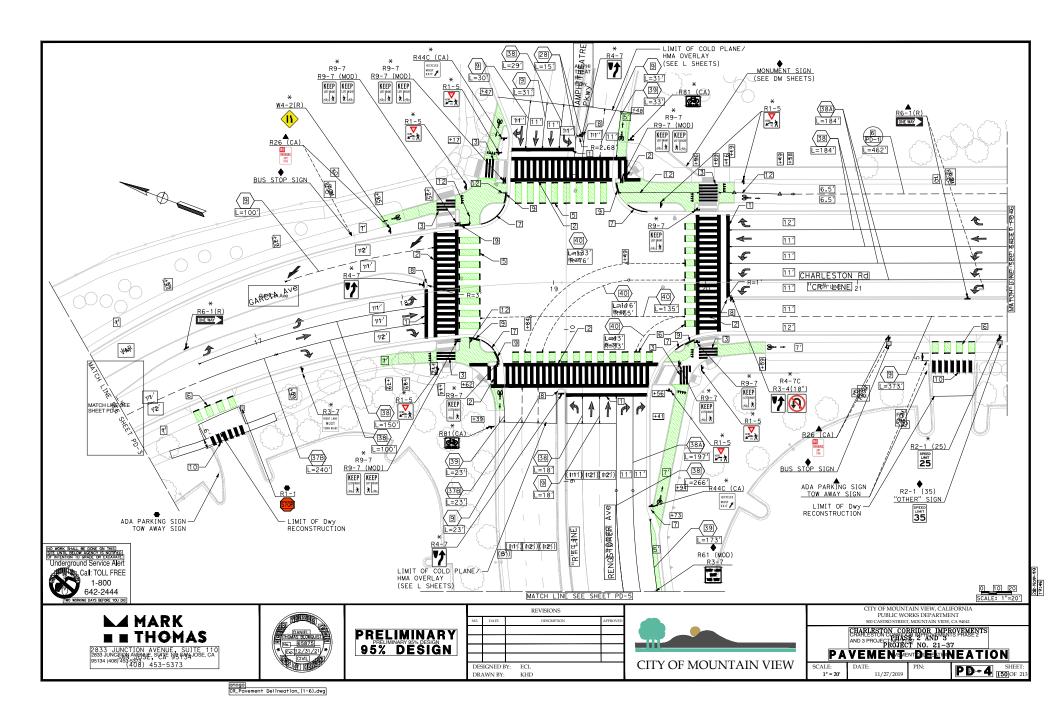


Attachment C Shoreline/US 101 Northbound Off-Ramp Realignment Plan





Attachment D Charleston/Rengstorff/Amphitheatre/Garcia (CARG) Intersection Turn Lanes Plan



Attachment E Rengstorff/101 Northbound Ramps Realignment Plan

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