



**Caltrans El Camino  
Real Removal of  
Parking for Bike  
Lanes Project**

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## Key Considerations

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The City supports creating a sustainable and safe transportation network.

With this proposed project, the City has concerns regarding:

- **Loss of on-street parking** and its impact on local businesses and residents, especially those potentially displaced by parking removal.
- **Lack of detailed plans and safety analysis**, including intersection safety, continuity of bikeways, and DIB-94 compliance.
- **Lack of alternative design considerations** (e.g.. parking-protected bike lanes, lane reduction) to maximize safety and community benefits.



## Requests to Caltrans and City Concerns

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- Detailed data that demonstrates that the proposal will **address the safety issues** and validation of DIB-94 design approaches.
- **Intersection safety enhancements and bicycle amenities**, including protected intersections, signal modifications, and clear demarcations for bikeway crossings.
- **Evaluation of lane vs. parking reduction alternatives**, with a focus on DIB-94 compliant designs that prioritize safety and minimize impact on parking.
- Comprehensive **community outreach & clear communication** strategies.
- **Phasing of parking removal.**



## Options for Council Consideration

**Caltrans Requested Option:** Support for the removal of parking, to be replaced by bicycle lanes on El Camino Real.

**Option A:** Defer action related to bike lanes until Caltrans provides a Safe System Approach Design that is DIB-94 compliant.

**Option B:** Adopt a phased approach that implements the proposed bicycle lanes with the repaving project & acknowledges additional analysis is needed to incorporate a Safe System Approach into a future improved bike lane design

**Option C:** Defer action pending a Caltrans feasibility analysis on travel lane reductions to support parking protected bike lanes.

**Option D:** Align decision of bicycle facilities on ECR with the update of the BPTP to complete in late 2025.



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