



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Project Area Committee/Planning Commission /Transportation
Commission

West Berkeley Circulation Master Plan

Thursday, February 22, 2007

7:00 PM



**South Berkeley Senior Center
2939 Ellis (at Ashby)**

The Redevelopment Agency's Project Area Committee (PAC) will host a Scoping Workshop on the West Berkeley Circulation Master Plan at a Special Joint Meeting with the Planning and Transportation Commissions Thursday, February 22, 2007. The meeting will be held at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The Berkeley Redevelopment Agency is sponsoring the West Berkeley Circulation Master Plan (WBCMP) in order to address several key objectives:

- Provide baseline traffic data to understand existing conditions as a whole, identify and analyze immediate improvement opportunities and support the following efforts.
- Understand and address the cumulative traffic impacts of incremental development and land use changes in both the near and long term.
- Provide consistent baseline analysis for individual development decisions
- Allow for effective evaluation of the West Berkeley Plan, as called for in the Plan, and, if needed, for future amendments to the Plan.
- Identify a range of possible improvements, key funding needs, and critical infrastructure pinch points for prioritized investment.
- Understand how increased rail traffic will affect circulation patterns and needed crossing improvements.
- Evaluate preferred truck circulation, traffic signals and repaving.
- Identify opportunities for easing access to the freeway.
- Identify funding options and establish an implementation strategy
- Establish criteria for periodically updating the study with community input

The WBCMP scope as drafted includes:

- Collection of existing information and creation of a data inventory from San Pablo Ave to West Frontage between Albany and Emeryville borders
- Analysis of existing conditions
- Identification of future conditions scenario and travel demand modeling
- Development of circulation alternatives, including capital and operational improvement projects to mitigate circulation problems
- Preparation of feasibility analysis, conceptual design, and cost estimate for grade separation at the Gilman rail crossing
- Financial analysis of potential improvements

This Special Meeting will allow the scope to be finalized, hear community concerns, and integrate the land use, transportation and redevelopment perspectives as shared by the participating commissions.

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