

## Mariposa Road and Escalon-Bellota Road Specific Plan – FAQ

### 1. What is the purpose of the Mariposa Road and Escalon-Bellota Road Specific Plan?

The cities of Stockton and Escalon, and the surrounding unincorporated San Joaquin County are experiencing increased development and a growing population, resulting in increased travel along the Mariposa Road and Escalon Bellota Road corridor. This plan aims to assess and develop both interim and long-term improvements along the corridor. The project will focus on identifying necessary roadway and intersection upgrades to enhance safety, traffic flow, and infrastructure conditions while addressing environmental constraints.

### 2. What areas does the plan cover?

The plan includes Mariposa Road and Escalon-Bellota Road, a 13.5-mile corridor between the cities of Stockton and Escalon. The plan will specifically evaluate critical intersections such as Jack Tone Road, Van Allen Road, Dodds Road, Escalon-Bellota Road, and Lone Tree Road. The plan will be coordinated with other local and regional planning efforts.

### 3. What are the main goals of the plan?

The plan aims to enhance roadway safety, improve overall traffic operations, address key collision hotspots, and provide infrastructure solutions that align with local and regional planning efforts. It also seeks to identify future right-of-way needs for potential widening, identify potential funding sources, and determine timing and phasing for implementation.

### 4. What are the existing safety concerns in the corridor?

A five-year safety analysis has identified several high-collision locations, including intersections at Kaiser Road, Jack Tone Road, Van Allen Road, Dodds Road, Escalon-Bellota Road, and Lone Tree Road. Common safety issues include limited visibility, challenging left-turn movements from side streets, and high vehicle speeds.

### 5. What kind of improvements are being considered?

Potential improvements include intersection upgrades (such as signals, roundabouts, or enhanced signage), roadway widening or turn lanes, bicycle and pedestrian enhancements at intersections, and traffic calming measures. The project will also address environmental constraints like culverts and canals to ensure proper drainage and minimal impact on natural habitats.

### 6. How will community input be incorporated?

The project encourages community engagement through public workshops, an interactive online map, emails, and voicemails. Residents and stakeholders can provide feedback by attending meetings, submitting comments online, and participating in structured discussions to ensure the final plan reflects local concerns and priorities.

## 7. What is the timeline for the project?

The project will progress in phases:

- Fall 2024 – Community feedback collection through workshops and online engagement, and identification of existing context and opportunities
- Winter 2025 – Traffic projections and analysis,
- Spring 2025 – Development of improvement concepts based on collected data, Workshop #2 to present preliminary improvement ideas
- Summer 2025 – Release of the draft Specific Plan for public review
- Fall 2025 – Environmental Analysis and Documentation, Finalization and approval of the Specific Plan

## 8. How can I stay informed and participate?

Community members can visit the project website at [sjgov.org/meb-plan](http://sjgov.org/meb-plan), sign up for updates, and use the interactive map to provide location-specific comments. Additionally, direct communication is available through email (MEB.plan@sjgov.org) or phone (209-231-5263).

## 9. What challenges does the project anticipate?

Key challenges include balancing traffic efficiency with safety improvements, addressing environmental constraints, coordinating with multiple local and regional agencies, and securing funding for implementing the proposed changes. The project team will work to create phased implementation plans that identify near-term and long-term improvements to address these challenges effectively.

## 10. What happens after the plan is finalized?

Once the Specific Plan is finalized in Fall 2025, the focus will shift to securing funding and implementing prioritized improvements. An environmental analysis and associated documents will be prepared consistent with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The plan will serve as a long-term roadmap, guiding infrastructure upgrades in a phased approach to improve safety, mobility, and connectivity along the corridor.