

Westminster Mall Specific Plan

Traffic Meeting FAQs

What metric will be relied on for traffic conditions? (LOS, VMT, etc.)

Both Level of Service (LOS) and Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) metrics will be used. LOS complies with the City's General Plan Mobility Element, and VMT complies with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Will the I-405 expansion impact the site?

Yes, but in a good way. Bridges and on/off ramps at Bolsa & Goldenwest will all undergo renovations, making it even easier to get between the Mall site and the freeway, once improvements are completed.

How much emphasis is being placed on bicycles? Bike use does not seem to be high in the community overall, and is not commonly seen at Bella Terra.

The community survey identified that recreation is an important component of the Specific Plan. Based on the size of the area alone, there is greater opportunity for green and open spaces than Bella Terra currently has. Bikeways can provide connectivity between green spaces as well as being recreational opportunities themselves. Additionally, the site is adjacent to the General Plan's designated green space at the former Navy Railway, a potential bike path identified in other outreach efforts, so the team is exploring connectivity options to the greater alternative transportation network.

What will be done to account for possible increases in traffic?

The Specific Plan will address traffic calming measures throughout the mall site and at access points along Edwards Street and Bolsa Avenue. A number of tools may be used, please see the slideshow from the July 23rd meeting at <http://bit.ly/WMallplan> that highlights some of them, like median treatments, beacons, bulb-outs, and more.

How will Huntington Beach traffic division be engaged in this process?

Huntington Beach Traffic Engineering Division is aware of the Specific Plan effort. As our neighboring agency and partner in maintaining infrastructure along Edwards Street and Bolsa Avenue, they will continue to be engaged in the process. Their concurrence is needed in order to implement modifications to the roadways and intersections.

Will walkways and crossings be ADA compliant?

All new infrastructure and modifications to existing infrastructure will comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

How can I get involved or learn more about the project?

The City is planning different outreach efforts. You can keep updated by visiting our website <http://bit.ly/WMallplan>, by following us on Facebook, or by submitting your name to our interest list for emailed updates. You may submit your name to the interest list by contacting Alexa Smittle at asmittle@westminster-ca.gov or (714) 548-3674.

