

Overview of Highway 37 Planning Project

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SR 37 Corridor Location



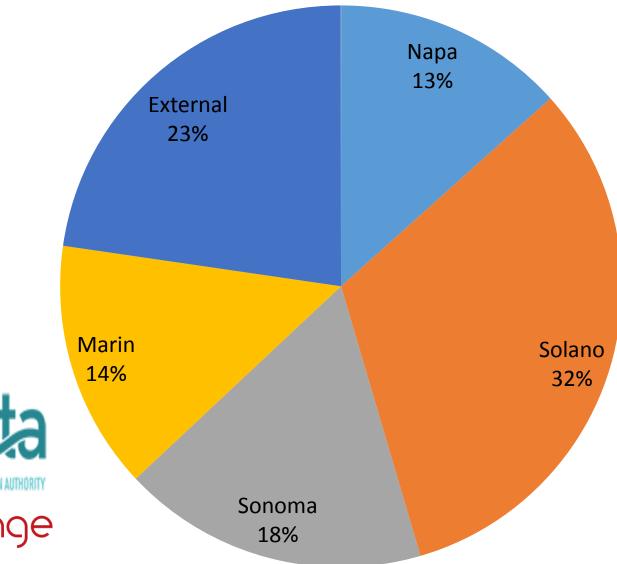
SR 37 Corridor Characteristics

- Two to Four lane 21 mile corridor traversing Solano, Sonoma, and Marin Counties.
- Connects I-80 in Solano County to 101 in Marin County.
- SR 101 is critical connection for North Bay freight movement, job markets, housing, tourism, and recreation.
- Between 40,000 and 95,000 vehicles travel the corridors per day.
- Current congestion expected to increase adding to longer peak commute times.
- Corridor is located in highly sensitive marshland areas.
- Vulnerable to Sea Level Rise.
- Serves as a Recovery Route for the North Bay.





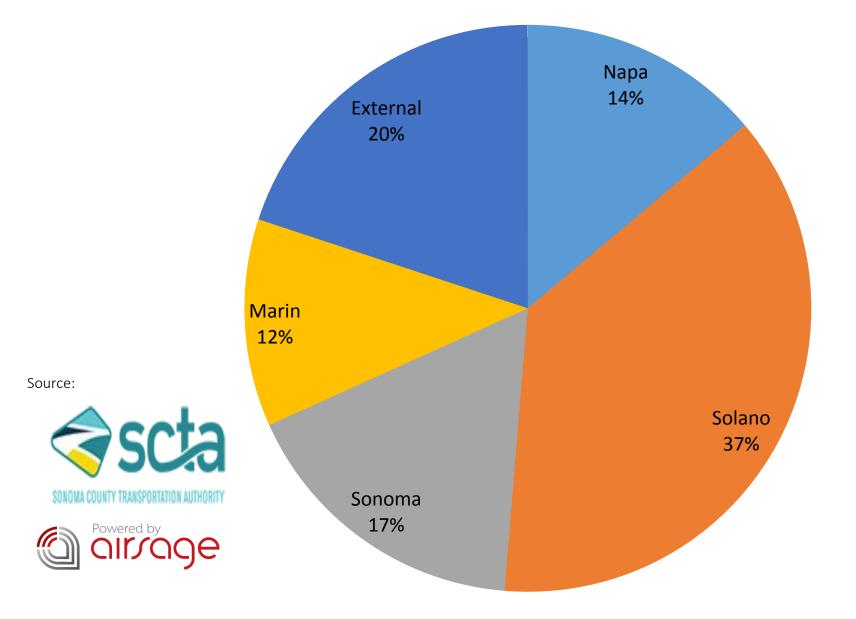
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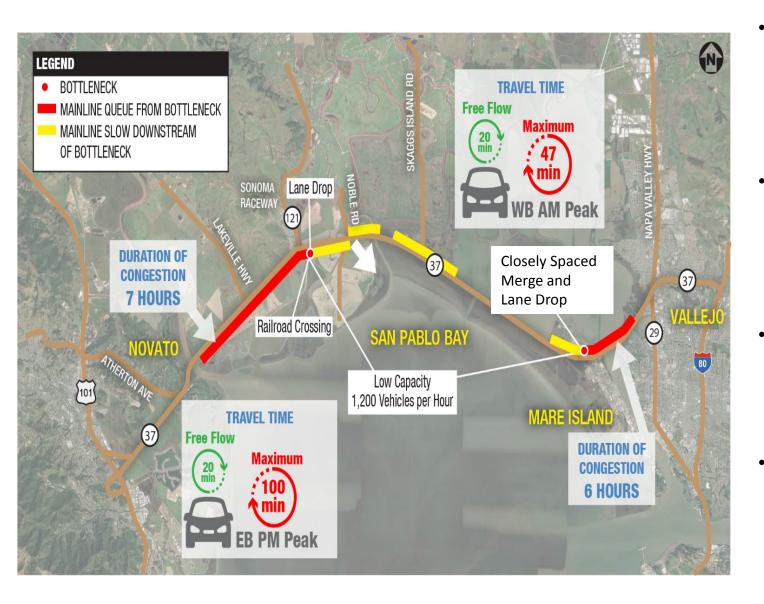
Source:



County Share of Trip Destinations, Hwy 37, Avg. Weekday – Sept. 2014



100 Minutes to Travel Back Home Every Day



- <u>6 Hours</u>of Congestion During Weekday AM Commute (Westbound)
- <u>7 Hours</u> of Congestion During Weekday PM Commute (Eastbound)
- Weekend Congestion Throughout Most of the Day
- No Transit Services

Parts of SR 37 Already Flood During Heavy Storms

• Weak Links Are Most Vulnerable to Short Term Flooding and Eventual SLR



Petaluma River Levees





Mare

Island

Lowlying Areas > 1 Acre

Recent Floods in Spring, 2017







Weak Links

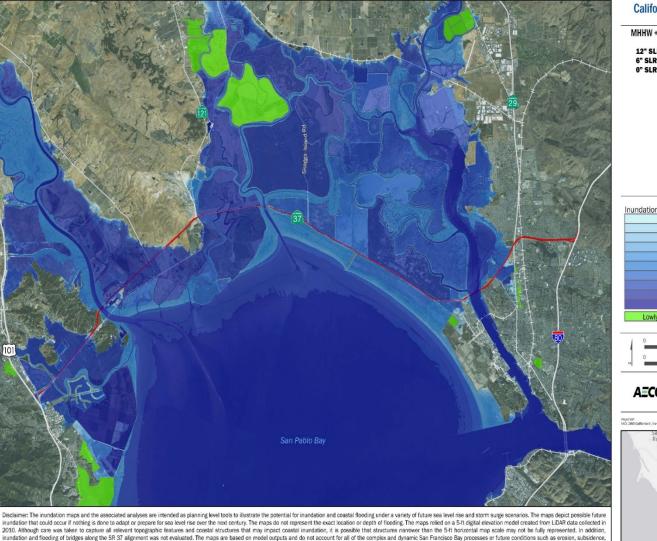
Novato Creek and Day

Island Rd

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Majority of SR 37 Will Be Inundated by 2050 Conditions with Sea Level Rise & Storm Surges



future construction or shoreline protection upgrades, or other changes to San Francisco Bay or the region that may occur in response to sea level rise. For more context about the maps and analyses, including a description of the data and methods used,

please see project documentation for the State Route 37 Integrated Traffic, Infrastructure and Sea Level Rise Analysis Study (UC Davis Road Ecology Center and Caltrans District 4).

California State Route 37 Inundation Mapping MHHW + 36" SEA LEVEL RISE

12" SLR + 5-yr Storm Surge 6" SLR + 10-yr Storm Surge 0" SLR + 25-yr Storm Surge

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- Year 2100 Sea Level Rise Scenario
- Permanent Inundation Expected by 2050: Segment A and Segment B from SR 121 to Sonoma Creek
- SR 37 Closure Would Divert Traffic to Other Already Congested Routes: I-80, US 101, I-580, SR 12, SR 121, etc.
- State and Federal-Protected Species Lose Habitat