

# 4/1/2026 - Q&A Summary

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Online Public Meeting: I-280/Wolfe Road Interchange Improvement Project

## **Project Design & Features**

**Q:** Where will retaining walls be located?

**A:** Retaining walls will primarily be constructed along the diagonal on-ramps and areas where the roadway elevation is raised (approximately 6 feet). These walls support the new bridge and ramp grade changes and are generally limited to the interchange area rather than extending along I-280.

**Q:** How wide will the new bridge be?

**A:** The new bridge will be approximately **160 feet wide**, more than double the width of the existing structure.

**Q:** Will the project include resurfacing or repairs to I-280?

**A:** No. Improvements to the I-280 mainline surface are **not included** in this project. That work falls under **Caltrans's maintenance responsibilities**.

## **Construction Timeline & Process**

**Q:** What is the construction sequence?

**A:** Construction will occur in stages:

1. Remove the Wolfe Road freeway median concrete barrier and widen ramps for temporary traffic shifts
2. Build half of the new bridge and some retaining walls
3. Shift traffic onto the new structure
4. Demolish the existing bridge
5. Build the second half of the new structure
6. Complete final connections and landscaping

**Q:** When will tree removal and major construction begin?

**A:** Tree removal is expected to be **one of the first construction activities**, particularly where needed for temporary traffic adjustments.

**Q:** When will a detailed construction schedule be available?

**A:** A detailed contractor schedule is not yet available. Once construction begins:

- Weekly updates will be provided

## **Traffic & Access**

**Q:** Will roads or ramps be closed during construction?

**A:**

- **No long-term full closure** of Wolfe Road is planned
- **Temporary nighttime closures** will occur
- Some ramps may be closed temporarily, but **alternate routes will be provided**

Q: How many lanes will remain open during construction?

A: The project aims to **maintain existing lane capacity** .

## Noise, Dust & Environmental Impacts

Q: Will noise levels increase due to the project?

A: A noise study was conducted and determined that post-project **noise levels will not increase to a significant level**. Mitigation measures, including sound walls, are incorporated into the project.

Q: What dust and construction mitigation measures will be used?

A: Standard measures include:

- Water trucks for dust control
- Vibration monitoring near sensitive properties
- Temporary barriers for safety

## Sound Walls

Q: **Will the sound wall be replaced or modified?**

A: Yes. There are existing sound walls that will be **demolished and replaced**, and in some areas **extended**.

Q: How tall will the new sound wall be?

A: The new sound wall is expected to be approximately **14 feet tall above the roadway surface**.

Q: How long will sound wall construction take?

A: Approximately **6-9 months**, depending on location and sequencing.

## Trees & Landscaping

Q: Will trees be removed and replaced?

A: Yes. Trees removed during construction will be replaced as required.

Q: When will new trees be planted?

A: Tree planting is expected to begin around **2029**, near the end of construction.

**Q:** Will replacement trees be the same as existing trees?

**A:** Not necessarily. Replacement trees will use **approved, low-water-use trees**, which may differ from existing trees (e.g., redwoods).

**Q:** How large will replacement trees be?

**A:** Trees will typically be planted as **24-inch box trees** (younger trees, not fully mature).

## Property Impacts

**Q:** What happens if construction damages my property?

**A:**

- Pre-construction inspections will be conducted for nearby properties
- If damage occurs, residents can **file a claim through VTA Community Outreach**
- The project team will guide residents through the claims process

## Transit & Coordination

**Q:** Will VTA bus service be affected?

**A:** Bus routes (e.g., Line 56) will continue operating. Some **minor delays** may occur, but no major service disruptions are expected.

**Q:** Is this project coordinated with nearby developments (e.g., RISE)?

**A:** Yes. The project team has **coordinated plans and schedules** with nearby developments, though timelines are managed independently.

## Project Budget

**Q:** What is the total project cost, and is it funded?

**A:**

- Total estimated cost: **~\$124 million**
- The project is **fully funded** through:
  - Measure B (majority)
  - State funding (~\$10M)
  - City of Cupertino (~\$6.8M)

## Documentation & Information Access

**Q:** Where can I find detailed plans or reports?

**A:**

- Detailed environmental studies and engineering plans exist and can be requested
- Residents are encouraged to contact **Community Outreach for location-specific information**