

**Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridge Over US 101 near Ralston Avenue
Overcrossing
and over the O'Neil Slough in Belmont
*June 2009***

The Belmont Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge Project is composed of Bicycle/Pedestrian Bridges, crossing over US 101, 900 feet north of Ralston Avenue and crossing over O'Neil Slough.

Currently, there is no dedicated bicycle and pedestrian crossings of US 101 between Third Avenue in San Mateo and Woodside Road in Redwood City. The City of Belmont has planned for construction of a Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge over-crossing that would provide a safer route for bicyclists and pedestrians over US Highway 101 via a dedicated bicycle / pedestrian bridge for a number of years.

This project will allow easy walking and bicycling access for those traveling from the Caltrain station and other activity centers, such as businesses, shopping and residential areas, to the Belmont Sports Complex and trails on the west side of the freeway that lead to the bay. This bicycle / pedestrian bridge project is listed as the No. 3 project in the San Mateo County Comprehensive Bicycle Route Plan, adopted by CCAG in March 2000 (Page 57).

The project has received approval of State and Regional American Reinvestment and Revitalization Funding (ARRA) for \$4.6 million dollars, which when combined with previous funding received from the SAFETEA-LU funds received with the assistance of Senator Anna Eshoo's office in the amount of \$2.6 million dollars and other local grants and Measure A funding will provide sufficient funds to now complete the project. When the project proceeds to construction, it will create many jobs for the Region and helps the economic recovery.

The City has received many supporting letters over the years from Member of Congress, State Senators, neighboring cities and local community groups, which include Anna Eshoo, Member of Congress; Byron D. Sher, State Senator, 11th District; Jackie Speier, State Senator; Redwood City; City of Foster City; City of Redwood City; SamTrans; Oracle; Sterling Downs Neighborhood Associates; California Sports; San Carlos Green; Parks and Recreation Commissioners; and Belmont Bicycle and Pedestrian Subcommittee.

In May and June of 2009 the ARRA funds were allocated by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the California Transportation Commission for the project. It is expected that the funds use for construction will be approved by Caltrans before June 30, 2009. The City will then be able to obtain the final permits and complete steps needed to advertise and award the construction contract in the Fall of 2009, to begin construction in 2010.