

Mulholland Hwy Gap Closure and Shoulder Improvements – This project consists of two phases. Both phases shall not require any right-of-way takings. All the improvements will be done within the City’s right-of way.

The first phase is located on Mulholland Highway and Old Topanga Canyon Road, from 770 feet east of the intersection to the intersection along Mulholland Hwy, and from 1000 feet north along Old Topanga Canyon Road to the intersection. Mulholland Hwy has one travel lane in each direction, separated by a solid double yellow centerline with bike lanes on both sides of the roadway. However, the westbound bike lane terminates 400 feet east of the intersection. The posted speed limit is 40 mph. Whereas, Old Topanga Canyon Road has one travel lane in each direction, separated by a solid double yellow centerline. Bike lanes terminate about 600 feet north of the intersection. The posted speed limit is 40 mph. This phase of the Project, adjacent to the Calabasas High School, will include extending bicycle and pedestrian facilities on Mulholland Highway, and on Old Topanga Canyon Road to the intersection. Currently there are gaps within the bicycle and pedestrian network along Mulholland Highway and Old Topanga Canyon Road. The improvements include constructing a 5 feet wide Class II bicycle facility that will connect with Old Topanga Canyon Road. Additionally, a 6 feet wide sidewalk, ramps, and retaining walls will be installed to provide access to Old Topanga Canyon Road.

The second phase of the project will be to improve Mulholland Highway between Old Topanga Canyon Road and the City Limit with the Los Angeles County, covering a distance of approximately 2.8 miles. This segment of Mulholland Hwy is classified as an Arterial in the City’s General Plan. This stretch of Mulholland Hwy has one travel lane in each direction, separated by solid double yellow centerline. Left turn lanes are striped at the intersections or driveways to the estates. The posted speed limit is 45 mph. The improvements include shoulder widening, sight distance improvements, guardrail replacements and drainage systems. Although the amount of traffic using this highway is insignificant during most days, it provides a crucial alternative route when there are closures, due to incidents or fires shutting down the US-101 or Pacific Coast Hwy, connecting the two counties of Los Angeles and Ventura. However, the project limit is a popular route for recreational cyclists. The proposed improvements would improve bike safety along this route by reducing frictions between vehicular traffic and bicyclists, by widening the shoulder, as well as by improving sight distance with cutbacks and minor modification to the bends in the road. In addition, the project would reduce chances of the roadway being closed due to mud slides and/or other erosion issues during rainstorm or earthquake, by constructing retaining walls or similar structures.

