

**Tam Junction Placemaking Study Webinar
Summary of Public Comments
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The following reflects a summary of public comments collected during the Tam Junction Placemaking Study webinar held on August 5, 2026.

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It was stated that nothing can be planned or implemented without Caltrans. Caltrans attendance at meetings is critical as a key stakeholder with jurisdictional authority.

It was commented that the website link should be shared so that the public can read about survey comments and responses when available.

A respondent was happy Almonte Boulevard was included in the study boundary

A question was asked if the study scope would include undergrounding utility poles, because undergrounding would greatly increase the aesthetic and placemaking feeling of Tam Junction.

A question was asked if there are any studies that have analyzed the Tam Junction area, and if there is any data on how the junction is used today. It was also asked if the study will really be a vehicle to catalyze the kind of short-term, midterm improvements described in the presentation? If so, that would require a consultant with a diverse skill set.

A question was asked regarding how staff would identify qualified consultants. The selected consultant team should include local expertise and should understand the community.

A respondent said that the consultant's skill set should include a finance background to understand the financial component related to infrastructure projects as well as the interplay between County, State, and Federal funding sources

It appears the consultant will need a broad and advanced skill set, which may make finding a suitable candidate challenging. How will the consultant's skills be prioritized during the selection process? Safety should be a priority.

A commenter stated safety issues should be prioritized, followed by emergency planning and traffic flow.

A commenter noted the right-of-way includes utility poles and other infrastructure. Are there boundary surveys that show this information and, if so, can these materials be placed on the website? Is it possible to move utilities located on the easterly side of Shoreline Highway since they cause accessibility and safety issues?

A question was asked if the mid-block crossing proposed on Shoreline Highway, between the junction and the bridge, will be permanent. Staff responded in the affirmative.

Staff clarified that Caltrans is not widening the Coyote Creek bridge in the traditional bridge widening sense but rather installing new guardrails consistent with new standards. The new guardrails will widen the bridge span but will not provide additional space for bike/ped facilities on the bridge.

It was commented that pedestrians crossing at the intersection of Shoreline Highway and Almonte Blvd. may cause traffic backups because vehicle travel halts when the crossing signals are activated.

It was suggested the outreach for the study should be transparent. The County should share who is participating in public meetings to ensure the meeting reflects the community.

A participant said that the junction is vital to the economy and includes a mix of business and funkiness that works for locals and visitors.

It was suggested that providing accident data and statistics would be helpful.

A commenter said the website should include document links that are referenced on slide 11, which highlighted some of the past, present, and future projects in the study area.

It was suggested the study should look at the right-hand turn onto Shoreline Highway. There should be yield-to-pedestrians sign as a short-term fix.

It was noted that a sign for cars to yield the right-of-way to pedestrians is needed at the intersection of Almonte Blvd. and Shoreline Highway.

It was stated that the study must have the active participation and buy-in of Caltrans, and a Caltrans senior manager or executive should be involved immediately.

A question was asked if given the need for housing, will the housing element be a part of the study?

It was noted that the study should think about how it will bridge recommendations with other plans, such as the community plan, Countywide Plan, Housing Element, Capital Improvement Plan, and many others, including how those recommendations are implemented and funded so as to not remain on a conceptual level.