



**STATE ROUTE 37 CORRIDOR –
FREIGHT AND PASSENGER RAIL OPPORTUNITIES
SMART BOARD MEETING
APRIL 6, 2022**

STATE ROUTE 37 – SMART WHITE PAPER

1. Importance of SMART Railroad Line from Novato to Napa
2. Opportunities to integrate the railroad into the State Route 37 Improvements



STATE ROUTE 37 - CHALLENGES

Flooding



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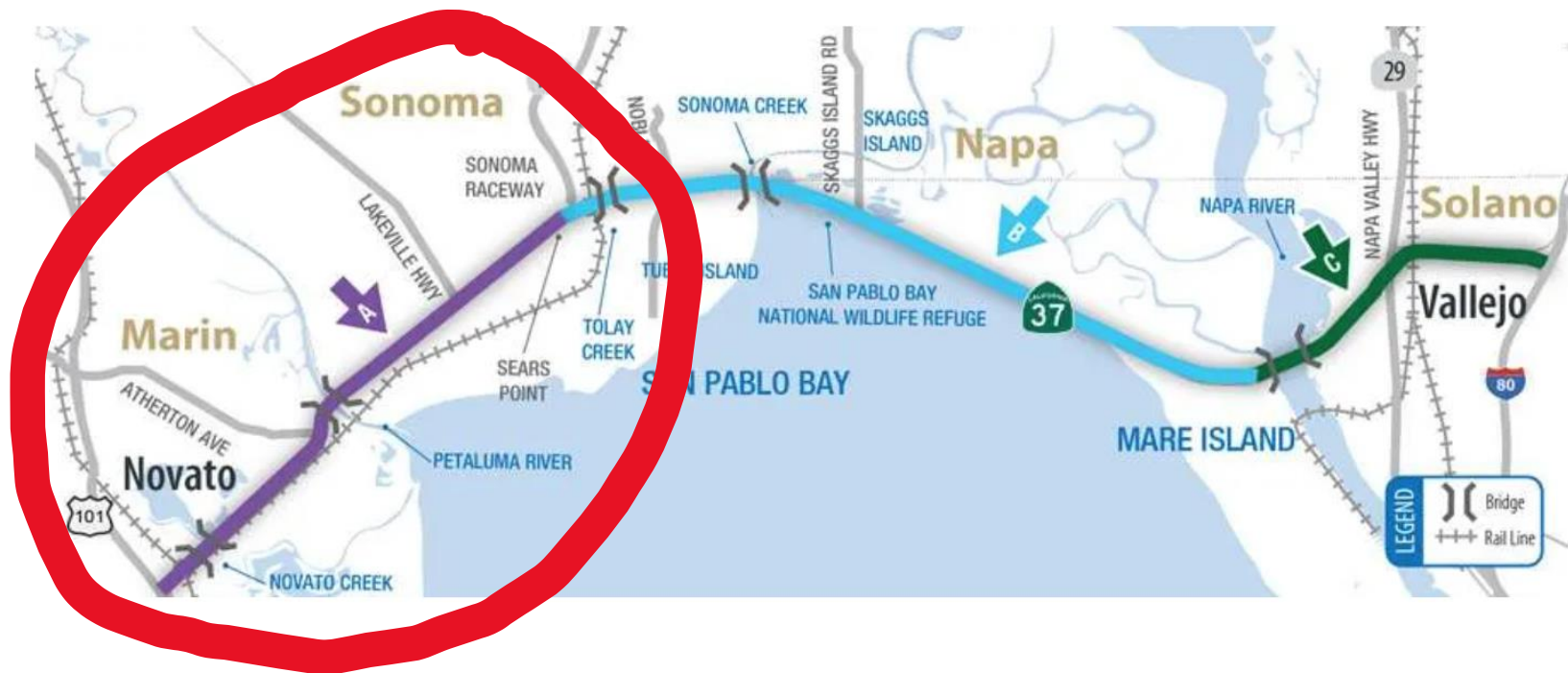
STATE ROUTE 37 - CHALLENGES

Congestion



STATE ROUTE 37 – PLANNING SEGMENTS

- Segment A: US101 to Hwy121
- Segment B: Hwy121 to Mare Island
- Segment C: Mare Island to Interstate 80



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Segment A: US101 to Hwy121



STATE ROUTE 37 - IMPROVEMENTS

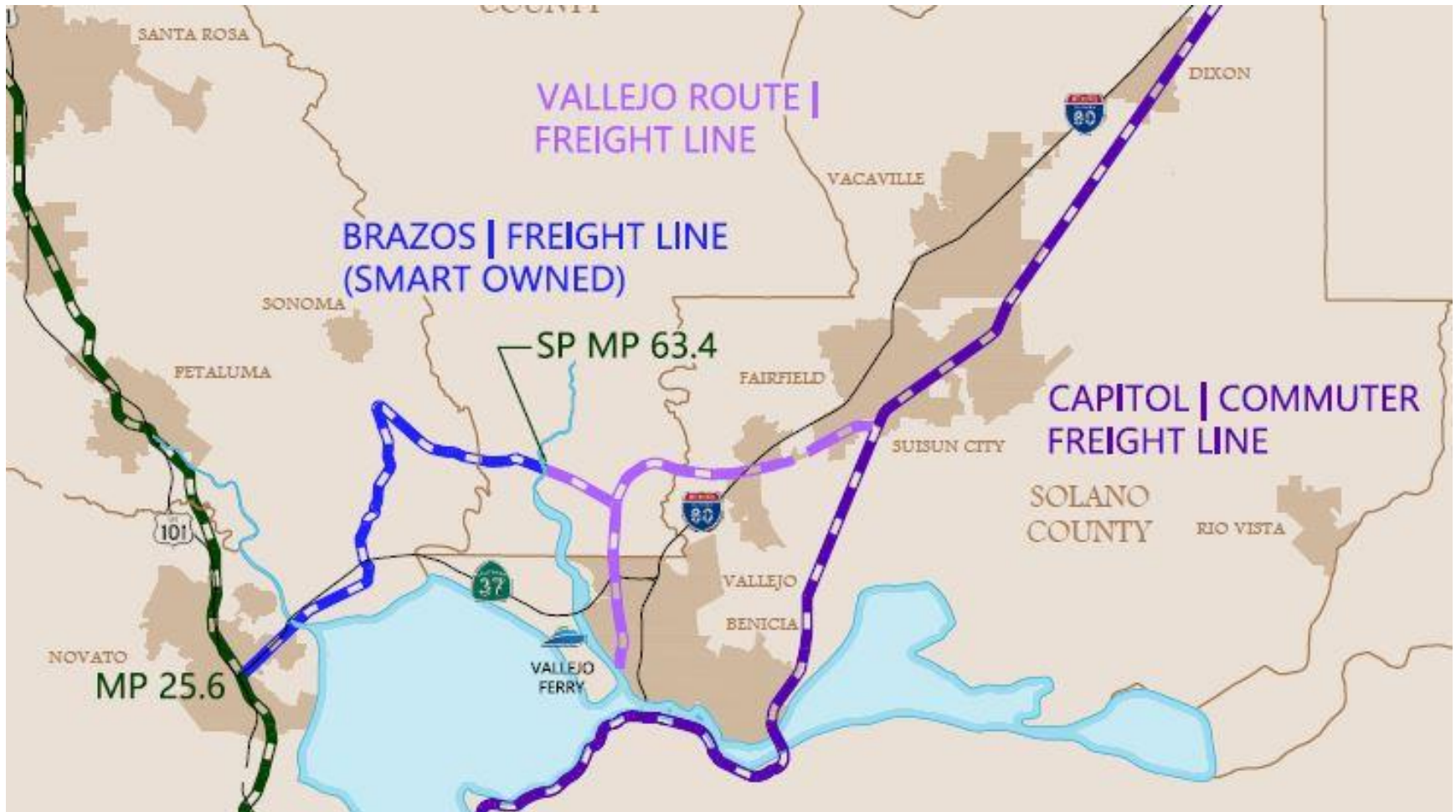
Make SR 37 More Resilient

Ultimate Improvements:

- Adapt SR 37 to sea level rise
- Create ecological resilience in the surrounding environment
- Enhance public access
- Provide safe mobility for bicycles and pedestrians

The Railroad is part of the environment, and should be part of the Improvements

SMART - BRAZOS BRANCH TO NAPA



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The Existing Railroad:

- Connects Marin & Sonoma Counties to the National Rail Network
- Moves freight weekly
- Tremendous resource for the region
- Common Carrier Obligations



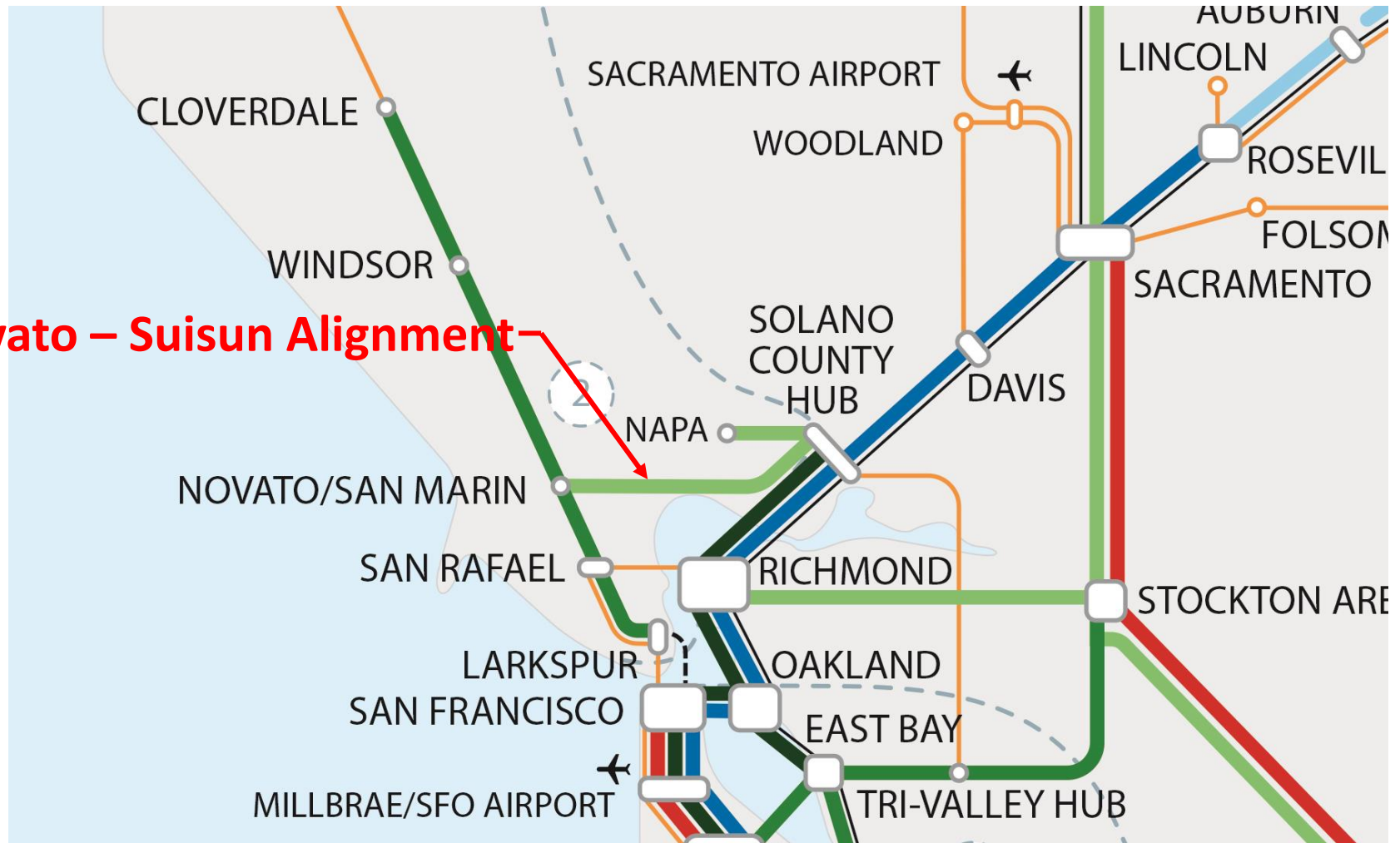
SMART FREIGHT SERVICE

- **Interface with:**
 - California Northern Railroad
 - Union Pacific Railroad
- **Freight:**
 - Wine
 - Grain
 - Hops
 - Lumber
 - Water
- **Critical Connection**
 - Emergency connectivity



STATE RAIL PLAN

Novato – Suisun Alignment



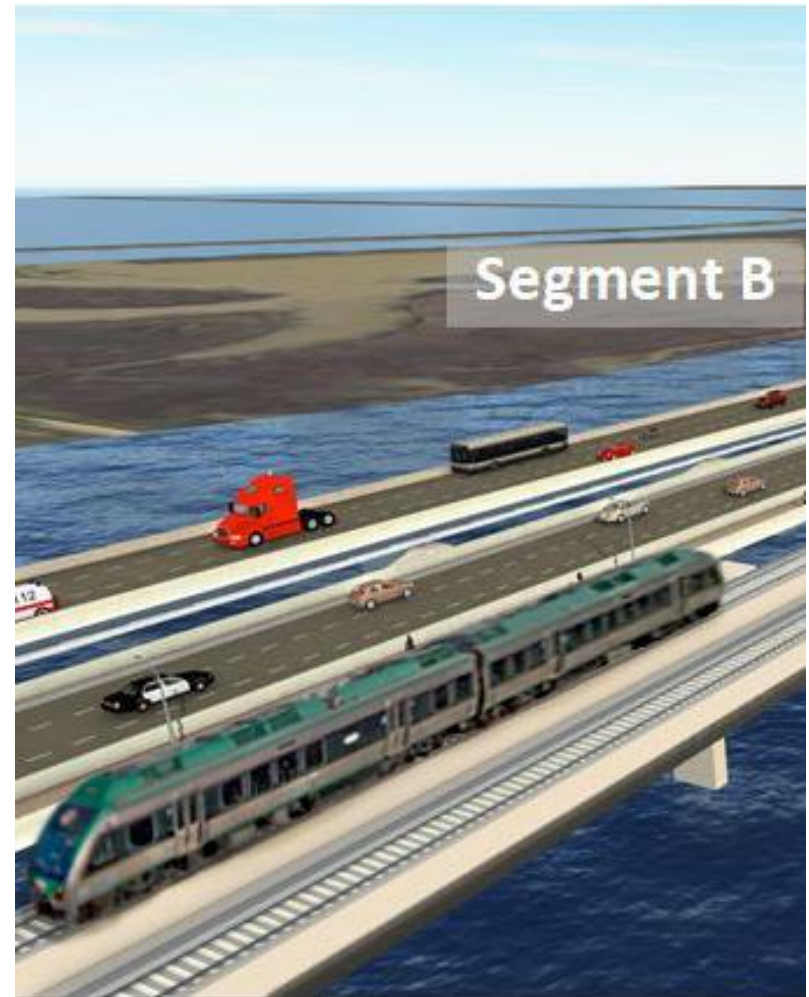
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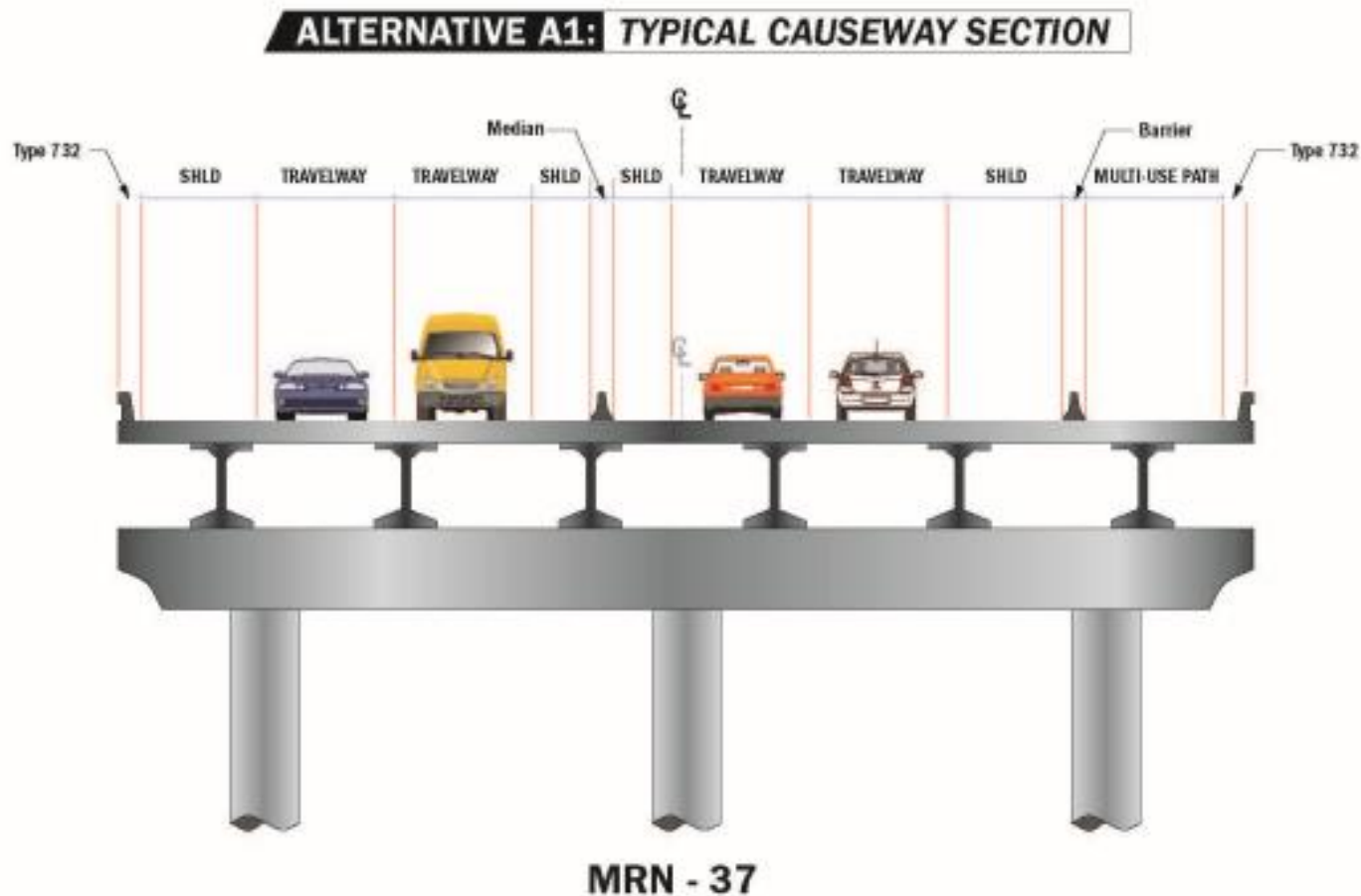
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Integrated SR 37 Multi-Modal Facility

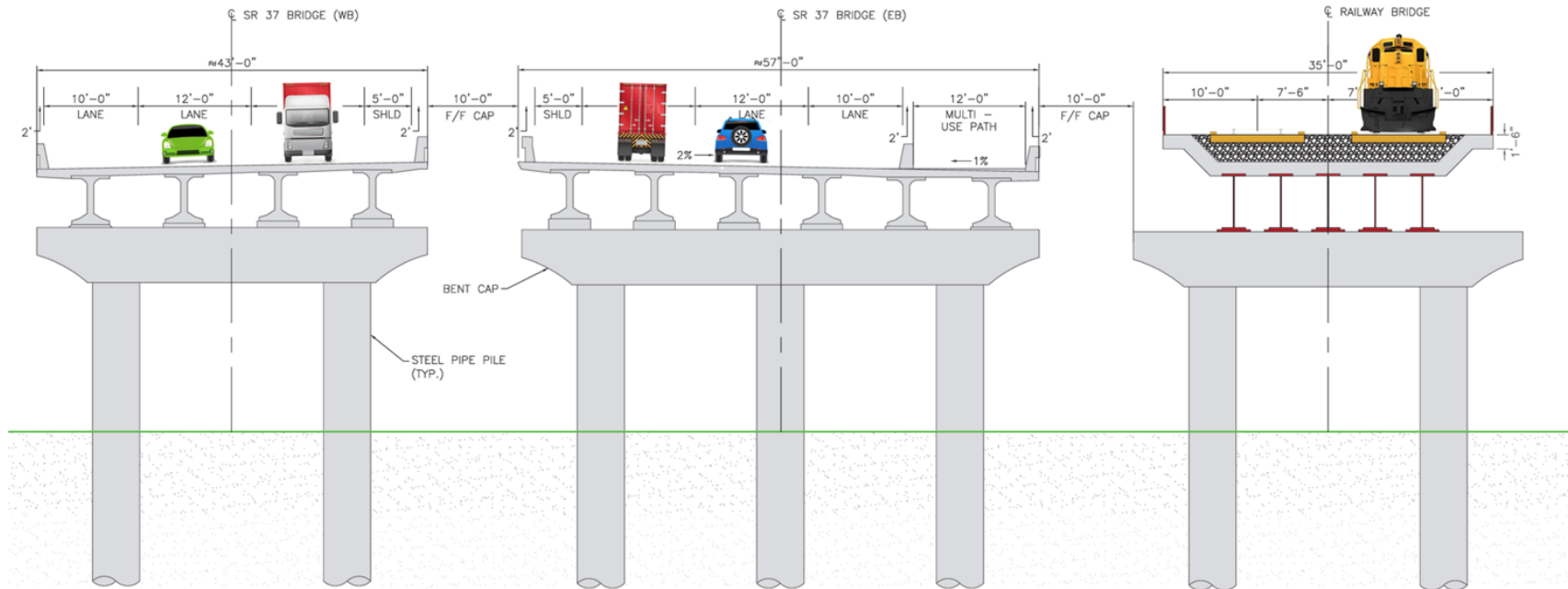
- Vehicular
- Railroad
- Non-Motorized (bicycles & pedestrians)
- Environmental enhancement opportunities



SR 37 – MULTI-MODAL FACILITY



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MULTI-MODAL FACILITY - OPPORTUNITIES



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RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. At a minimum, ensure that SR 37 improvements maintain and do not negatively impact freight rail service, in order to meet Federal Common Carrier obligations.
2. Include California State Rail Plan recommendations and objectives in advancing freight and passenger rail improvements in the SR 37 Corridor.
3. Take advantage of the proximity of an existing rail line to develop an innovative multi-modal facility that integrates vehicles, freight, passenger rail, bicycles and pedestrians.
4. Leverage the opportunities of a combined SR 37 and SMART Rail Corridor to restore wetlands and preserve critical habitats.



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