MULTI-PROJECT TRAFFIC ANALYSIS
SUMMARY FACT SHEET

Read the full report at www.fostercity.org/city_hall/docs/upload/Draft%20Report.pdf or at the Community Development Department in City Hall, 610 Foster City Blvd.

What is the Foster City Multi-Project Traffic Analysis?

The City retained the transportation consulting firm of Fehr & Peers to study the traffic impacts of 3 proposed projects on 29 intersections in Foster City and San Mateo and 7 freeway segments. The 3 projects are:

- Mirabella San Francisco Bay/Parkview Plaza. A Continuing Care Retirement Community (350 independent living apartments, 20 assisted living apartments, a 20-bed memory care facility, and a 30-bed skilled nursing facility), 70 affordable senior apartments, up to 50,000 sq. ft. of retail, and a 1.3 acre public plaza on 11 acres of public property adjacent to the Government Center.
- Chess Drive Office Buildings. Replaces 190,000 sq. ft. of office / warehouse space with up to 800,000 sq. ft. of office space at 1155-1191 Chess Drive.
- Gilead Sciences Campus Master Plan. Replaces some buildings, increasing from 631,000 sq. ft. of office and research & development space to 1.2 million sq. ft. of office and lab space at 300-368 Lakeside Drive.

What are the key findings and recommendations in the study?

The findings show that individually none of the projects would result in significant transportation impacts, using criteria based on California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines. However, when the 3 projects are considered together, along with traffic from full "build-out" of Foster City and expected long-term regional growth, 5 significant impacts to freeways or City intersections were identified. The report describes mitigation measures that address 3 of the 5 significant impacts. The report also recommends roadway improvements for better traffic operations throughout the study area.

- *Fast Fact – Peak hour trips added to the Foster City Boulevard / SR 92 Interchange Area: Mirabella 25 (0.6%); Chess 2,741 (60.4%); Gilead 439 (9.7%); Other Development 1,334 (29.4%) (Table ES-6, p.15)*

Recommendations for Roadway Improvements & Required Mitigation Measures

Baseline:
- Definition - Existing traffic plus traffic from currently vacant space when fully occupied (Parkside Towers, etc.), from approved but not yet constructed projects (Bayside Towers III, etc.), and from pending projects like **Pilgrim-Triton**, where **results of prior traffic impact studies have been included** in the analysis of Baseline traffic conditions.
- Recommendations - 7 recommendations for roadway improvements. No mitigation requirements. *(Report, pp. 9-10)*

Baseline + Mirabella:
- Definition - Mirabella traffic only added to Baseline traffic
- Recommendations – No additional recommendations for roadway improvements. No mitigation requirements.

Baseline + Chess:
- Definition - Chess traffic only added to Baseline traffic
- Recommendations - 2 recommendations + 7 Baseline recommendations. No mitigation requirements. *(Report, p. 11)*

Baseline + Gilead:
- Definition - Gilead traffic only added to Baseline traffic
- Recommendations - No additional recommendations for roadway improvements. No mitigation requirements.

Baseline + All 3 Projects:
- Definition - Traffic from all 3 projects added to Baseline traffic
- Impact 1 – The intersection at Foster City Boulevard / Marlin Avenue would deteriorate below an acceptable level of service in the AM peak hour.
  - Mitigation Measure 1 – Install a new traffic signal at the intersection of Foster City Boulevard / Marlin Avenue.

Cumulative:
- Definition – Traffic from full "build out" of Foster City General Plan (rest of EFI campus, VISA V, etc.) & expected long-term regional traffic growth
- Impact 2 – The intersection of SR 92 Westbound ramps / Chess Drive would deteriorate below an acceptable level of service in the PM peak hour; the intersection of Foster City Boulevard / Chess Drive would experience additional vehicular delays in the PM peak hour.
  - Mitigation Measure 2a – Require 4 of the previously recommended roadway improvements at Westbound SR 92, Chess Drive, Foster City Boulevard, Metro Center Boulevard, and Triton Drive.
  - Mitigation Measure 2b – Close the driveway on the north side of Chess Drive at the Westbound SR 92 ramps.

Recommendations for Roadway Improvements & Required Mitigation Measures

- Impact 3 - The intersection at Foster City Boulevard / Marlin Avenue would deteriorate below an acceptable level of service in the AM peak hour.
  - Mitigation Measure 3 – Implement Mitigation Measure 1 (traffic signal at Foster City Boulevard / Marlin Avenue)
- Impact 4 – Traffic on Eastbound SR 92 between US 101 and Edgewater Boulevard would increase traffic volumes by about 50% in the AM peak hour and by about 44% in the PM peak hour over Baseline conditions.
  - Mitigation Measure 4 – No feasible mitigation was identified to reduce this impact.
- Impact 5 – Traffic on Westbound SR 92 between US 101 and Edgewater Boulevard would increase traffic volumes by 17% in the PM peak hour over Baseline conditions.
  - Mitigation Measure 5 - No feasible mitigation was identified to reduce this impact.

What are the next steps?

- The Planning Commission will hear a presentation from the transportation consultant who prepared the report and discuss the draft Multi-Project Traffic Analysis on **Thursday, September 4, 2008 at 7:30 PM**. At this session the Planning Commission and public will have an opportunity to comment on the draft study. **No decisions will be made about the 3 projects studied in the report at this meeting.**
- The findings of the Multi-Project Traffic Analysis will be incorporated into the Environmental Impact Reports currently being prepared for the 3 projects studied in the analysis.
- The City will begin discussions with developers regarding the identified traffic impacts from their projects. The developers of the projects creating the traffic impacts are expected to fund the recommended improvements **and not the City**.

Where can I get factual information about traffic impacts from proposed projects?

- All public documents, including the Environmental Impact Reports, Traffic Studies, Staff Reports and other documents are or will be available when completed at the ***Community Development Department counter*** at City Hall, 610 Foster City Boulevard, and many of them are available online at **www.fostercity.org/city_hall/docs/Significant-Applications-Currently-in-Review-at-the-Community-Development-Department.cfm**
- ***Attend City Council and Planning Commission meetings*** or watch them from home on FCTV, Comcast Channel 27 or AT&T Channel 99. City Council meetings take place on the first and third Monday nights of each month at 7:30 PM and Planning Commission meetings are held on the first and third Thursday nights of each month at 7:30 PM. Planning Commission study sessions are held as needed on the first and third Tuesday nights of each month at 7:30 PM.
- Call ***650-286-3232*** or ***e-mail planning@fostercity.org*** if you have questions or need more information.

How can I find out about meetings and the status of projects?

- Subscribe to the City's free listservs. Meeting notices, press releases and other updates are regularly sent to these lists. To subscribe, visit **www.fostercity.org/news/Listserv-Subscriber-Page.cfm**
- Many meetings are also publicized in the local newspapers, on the FCTV Bulletin Board, and the electronic marquee at the corner of East Hillsdale and Shell Boulevards.

Any final suggestions?

- Take the time to learn the facts about projects being proposed for Foster City.
- Read the source documents, attend or watch public meetings and ask questions of City staff, Planning Commissioners and City Council Members.
- Watch out for misleading, incomplete/incorrect information, innuendos, and personal opinion stated as fact.
- Verify what you read or hear by calling (650) 286-3232 or e-mailing planning@fostercity.org.
- Do the research, ask good questions, and make an independent and informed decision.

You owe it to yourself, your family and the future of Foster City to be informed!