

San Joaquin One Voice® Project Request

Martin Luther King Rail Underpass Mobility Enhancement

Project Summary:

The Stockton Diamond Grade Separation Project has its southern terminus of the project limits at Martin Luther King (MLK) Blvd. There is an opportunity to have the Stockton Diamond Project incorporate some of the City of Stockton's ultimate improvements for MLK Blvd. within the limits of the new rail bridge overcrossings. The goal of the City's roadway improvements is to create safer vehicular flow and safe multimodal access for bicycles and pedestrians. The project concept is to raise up the rail bridge structures and widen out the walls of the underpass for a better multimodal cross section. Tunnel underpasses throughout Stockton experience problems with perceptions of lack of pedestrian and bicycle safety and create spaces where transient populations can set up camp and completely block pedestrian and bicycle access. A major element of the project development work will be the analysis for creating an inviting multimodal passage through the underpass.

The Rail Commission desires to co-sponsor a federal request with the City of Stockton for project development to widen the approaches on MLK Blvd.

