



Highway 25 Expansion Project

Environmental Review Alternatives

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Presentation Overview

- Project Delivery Plan
- Review of Environmental Impact Report Requirements
- How can COG accelerate the project construction?
- What are the other issues we addressing?



Highway 25 Expansion Project Delivery Plan

Highway 25 is COG's
Regional Project Priority.



COG Leadership

October 2020 Approval of Project Scope and Phasing

Highway 25 Expansion Project Scope



EXPAND CAPACITY



BUILD INTERCHANGE

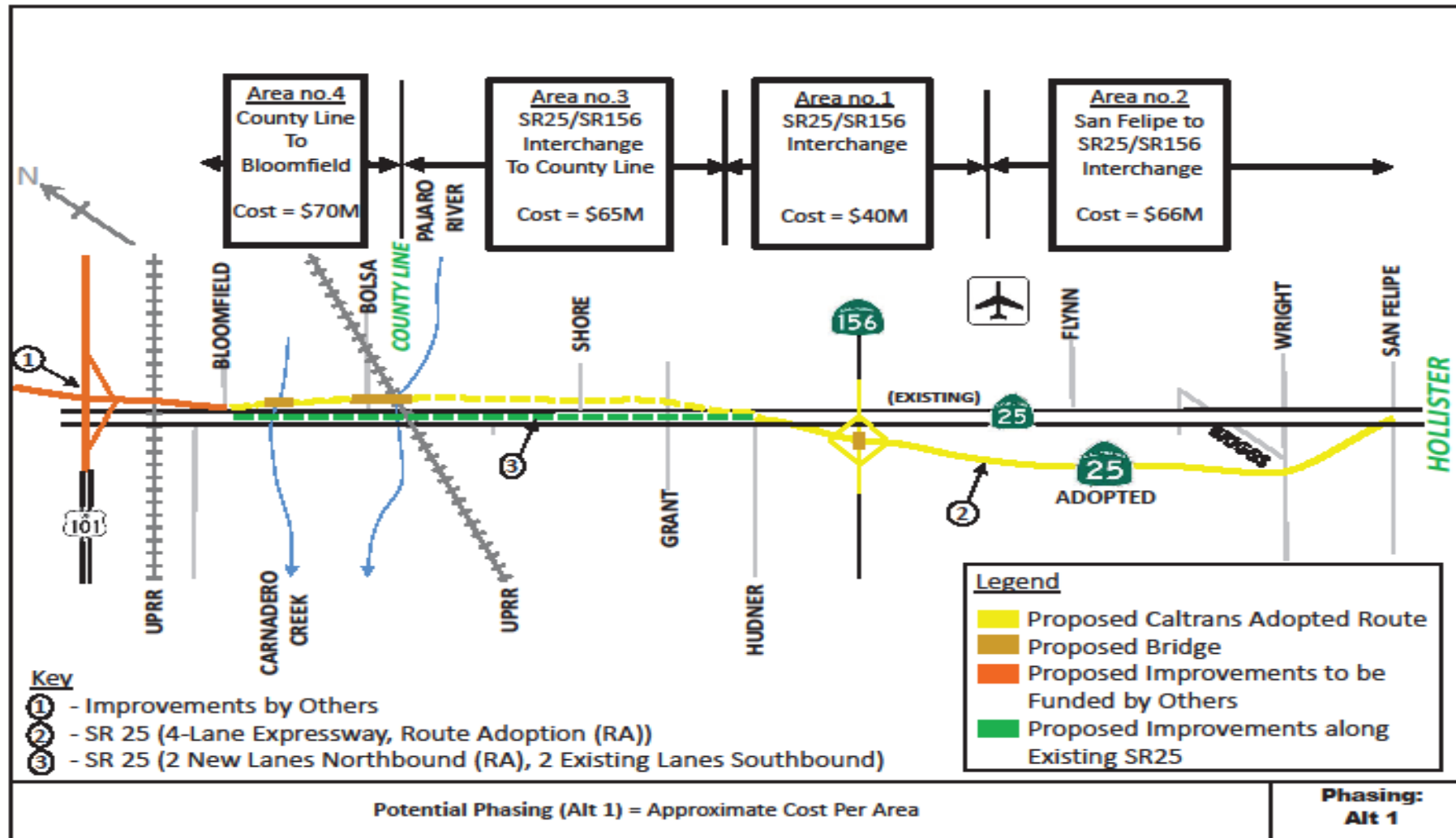


INCLUDE TRANSIT & RAIL

Highway 25 Expansion

Phased Project Delivery Plan

Alternative 1
Proposed Project Phasing



Highway 25 Expansion Project

Funding Information

Environmental Review and Design Only

Fund Source	Amount	Type	Notes
Local Partnership Program	\$2.5 Million	State	Approved and allocated
Measure G Tax Revenues	\$2.5 Million	Local	Tier I funds
Congressional District Community Project Funding	\$13 Million	Federal	Nomination by Congressman Panetta; Unsecured
	Total		\$18 Million

Project Development Team

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Caltrans District 5

Tim Gubbins, Director

Brandy Rider, Project Management

Terry Thompson, Project Manager

Partners

- County of San Benito
- City of Hollister
- City of San Juan Bautista
- Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
- California Highway Patrol

Schedule



EIR Process

Purpose: Information for the Public and Decision-Makers

Evaluation:

- Environmental Effects
- Ways to Reduce Effects
- Reasonable Alternatives to Consider



EIR Timeline

- Kickoff: September 2021
- Draft Document Fall 2023
- Public Review Fall 2023-Winter 2024
- Review, Respond to Comments Spring 2024
- Final EIR Summer 2024

Discussion: Approach to Project Delivery

Early Start

- Property Acquisitions as Allowed by Law
- Land Purchases to Mitigate Impacts to Agricultural Land

Rely on Significant Past Investments

- Technical Studies for Highway 25
- Identified Issues

Strategic Work Plan

- Interchange
- Short-Term Improvements – Bolsa Road
- San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership
- Outside Consulting – EIR and Design



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Questions

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