



COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REGULAR
MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, June 1, 2023
2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Council of San Benito County Governments
Conference Room
330 Tres Pinos Road, Suite C7
Hollister, CA 95023

MEMBERS: Binu Abraham, Council of Governments
Heather Adamson, Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Phil Cooper, California Highway Patrol
Jill Leal, Caltrans District 5
Christine Hopper, City of Hollister Development Services
William Via, City of Hollister Public Works Community Services
Don Reynolds, City of San Juan Bautista
Steve Loupe, San Benito Co. RMA Public Works, Engineering
Abraham Prado, San Benito Co. RMA Planning and Building Services

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Verification of Certificate of Posting
4. **Public Comment:** *(Opportunity to address the committee on items of interest not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 56954.2. Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.)*
5. Member Announcements

CONSENT AGENDA:

(These matters shall be considered as a whole and without discussion unless a particular item is removed from the Consent Agenda. Members of the public who wish to speak on a Consent Agenda item must submit a Speaker Card to the Clerk and wait for recognition from the Chairperson. Approval of a consent item means approval as recommended on the Staff Report.)

6. **APPROVE** TAC Meeting Minutes dated April 6, 2023 – Gomez

Council of San Benito County Governments (COG)

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INFORMATION ITEMS:

7. RECEIVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report – Caltrans
8. RECEIVE Update on the Highway 156 Improvement Project – Abraham

ADJOURN TO REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 6, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M.

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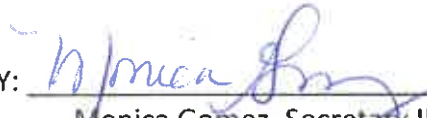
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BY:



Monica Gomez, Secretary II

Council of San Benito County Governments

COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
Council of Governments Office
330 Tres Pinos Rd., Suite C7, Hollister, CA 95023

April 6, 2023 2:00 PM

ACTION MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Executive Director, Binu Abraham called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Binu Abraham; Council of Governments, Miranda Taylor; Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, Jill Leal; Caltrans District 5, Christine Hopper; City of Hollister Development Services, William Via; City of Hollister Community Services, Steve Loupe; San Benito Resource Management Agency, Abraham Prado; San Benito Resource Management Agency, Don Reynolds; City of San Juan Bautista.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Phil Cooper; California Highway Patrol.

STAFF PRESENT:

Veronica Lezama; Transportation Planning Manager, Norma Rivera; Administrative Services Specialist, Monica Gomez; Secretary II.

3. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:

Motion: Don Reynolds Second: Steve Loupe

Motion carried: 8/0

Yes: Abraham, Taylor, Leal, Hopper, Via, Reynolds, Loupe, Prado

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Cooper

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Steve Loupe announced that they will be activating the signal for the San Juan Oaks project at Union Road and Highway 156 in the next 3-4 weeks.

Veronica Lezama announced that the Clean California Grant Program awarded the following project in San Benito County: 1. Hollister Pinnacles National Park Highway Beautification Project along Highway 25 between Santa Ana and Tres Pinos Roads, and 2. San Juan Bautista Washington Street Bridge Structure

ACTION ITEMS:

6. Nominate Eligible Project to Receive Local Partnership Program Formulaic (LPP-F) Funds Totaling \$600,000 – Lezama

Executive Director Abraham stated that there was an amendment to the request on Item 6. Instead of Nominate eligible project to receive Local Partnership Program Formulaic (LPP-F) funds totaling \$600,00, staff asked the TAC to:

Recommend to the COG Board for approval of City of Hollister 2022 City Wide Slurry Seal Project as the recipient of Local Partnership Program Formulaic (LPP-F) Funds Totaling \$600,000 AND support that the City of Hollister provide a one-time allocation of \$600,000 of its STBG Funds to COG in exchange for \$600,000 in Local Partnership Program Formula Funds.

The TAC passed a motion of support to nominate the City of Hollister's 2022 City Wide Slurry Seal Project as the recipient of the LPP-F funds and recommend that the City of Hollister provide a one-time allocation of \$600,000 of its STBG funds to COG in exchange for the \$600,000 in LLP-F funds.

There was no public comment on Item 6.

Motion made to nominate Item 6 as noted above:

Motion: Steve Loupe Second: Don Reynolds

Motion carried: 6/0/1/1

Yes: Abraham, Hopper, Via, Reynolds, Loupe, Prado

No: None

Recused: Leal

Abstention: Taylor

Absent: Cooper

7. Discuss AMBAG's 2023 Public Participation Plan Development Process – Lezama/AMBAG

TAC received an overview from Miranda Taylor with the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments, on AMBAG's 2023 Public Participation Plan Development Process and answered questions from the TAC. Additional comments may be forwarded to Miranda Taylor with AMBAG.

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA:

8. Approve TAC Meeting Minutes dated March 2, 2023 – Gomez

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

Motion made to approve the Consent Agenda:

Motion: Christine Hopper Second: Jill Leal

Motion carried: 6/0/2

Yes: Leal, Hopper, Via, Reynolds, Loupe, Prado

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: Abraham, Taylor

Absent: Cooper

INFORMATION ITEMS:

9. Receive Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report – Caltrans/Lezama

TAC received an update from Jill Leal with Caltrans District 5, on the Caltrans Construction Projects Report.

Jill Leal provided an update on the railroad crossing in Santa Clara County, which is affecting San Benito County commuters. The UPRR has blocked off the week of April 24th-28th to complete work at the railroad crossing (weather permitting). It should only take one day to complete the work.

TAC recommended, if at all possible, to keep one lane open during the railroad crossing work time. Jill Leal will forward an email regarding UPRR railroad work schedule to City staff.

There was no public comment.

There being no further business to discuss, Jill Leal motioned to adjourn the Technical Advisory Committee meeting at 2:27 p.m. Motion seconded by Miranda Taylor.

Motion carried: 8/0

Yes: Abraham, Taylor, Leal, Hopper, Via, Reynolds, Loupe, Prado

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Cooper

ADJOURN TO REGULAR TAC MEETING OF MAY 4, 2023, AT 2:00 P.M.



STAFF REPORT

Information

Prepared By: Veronica Lezama,
Transportation Planning Manager
Subject: Monthly Caltrans District 5
Construction Projects Report

Agenda Item No. 7

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive Director

Meeting Date: June 1, 2023

Recommendation:

RECEIVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report.

Summary:

The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will receive an update on the Caltrans active highway projects in San Benito County.

Background/ Discussion:

As an ex officio member, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) provides the COG Board of Director's a summary report of all active highway and other state oversight projects in San Benito County. The enclosed Caltrans Update of Projects identifies the following projects in San Benito County.

1. Highway 25/156 Roundabout
2. Highway 25 Curve Alignment Restoration
3. Highway 25 Expressway Conversion - San Felipe, Segment 1
4. Highway 156 Improvement Project
5. U.S 101 Southbound Connector Extension
6. SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization
7. Hollister Clean CA
8. Rocks Road US 101 Wildlife Connectivity Project

Alternatives:

There are no alternatives to discuss as this is an informational report.

Financial Impact:

Please see attached project updates report.

Attachment:

1. Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report and Map



CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments
1. Highway 25/156 Roundabout (1J480_)	Intersection of SR 25/156, north of Hollister (PM 54.048)	Construct Roundabout	June 2022 - Fall 2023	\$10.7 million	SHOPP	Terry Thompson (Acting PM)	Graniterock Construction	Work has resumed for Stage 1. Anticipate beginning Stage 2 at the end of May.
2. Highway 156 Improvement Project (34490)	In and near San Juan Bautista, from The Alameda to slightly east of Fourth Street (PM 3.0/R8.2)	Construct four-lane expressway	August 2022 - Spring/Summer 2025	\$75.9 million	STIP/Local	Terry Thompson	Teichert Construction	Continued construction activities
3. Highway 25 Curve Alignment Restoration (1H810)	Near Hollister, just north of San Benito Lateral (PM 18.8/19.1)	Curve restoration	Spring 2023/Summer 2024	\$5.4 million	SHOPP	Terry Thompson	Teichert Construction	Environmental work has begun.

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
4. Highway 25 Expressway Conversion - San Felipe, Segment 1 (48541)	San Felipe Road to 0.3 miles north of Hudner Lane (0.8 mi west of SR 25 to 0.5 miles east of SR 25)	Conversion of 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway	N/A	N/A	Local	Terry Thompson	PA&ED	Continuing environmental studies.



PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE MAY 18, 2023, COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEETING

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT (CONTINUED)

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
5. U.S 101 Southbound Connector Extension (1N910)	In San Benito County 3.0 miles West of San Juan Bautista at SR-156 and U.S. Route 101	Extend westbound connector an additional 1800 feet and construct a ramp meter	TBD	TBD	Minor A	Terry Thompson	PA&ED	No updates at this time.
6. SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization (1P300)	In San Juan Bautista at the intersection of SR 156 and The Alameda (PM 2.9/3.1)	Installation of eastbound right-turn channelization from SR 156 onto the Alameda	Spring 2024	TBD	Oversight/ Local	Paul Valadao	PA&ED	The City approved change in ownership of the developer. Caltrans held a project kick-start meeting on Nov. 1 with the City's team to discuss the Right of Way challenges and how it may affect project delivery. Caltrans is actively collaborating with the City's design team on inquiries regarding adjacent/affected property owners.
7. Hollister Clean CA (1P531)	On Route 25 in San Benito County from Sunset Dr. to Santa Ana Rd. (PM 49.9/51.2)	Install beautification, transportation art, and safety measure enhancement project in Caltrans R/W.	Winter 2023	\$1.2 million	Clean CA	Terry Thompson	PS&E	Awarded to Bortolussi & Watkin, Inc. on 3/2/23 Approve Contract on 4/4/23



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PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT (*CONTINUED*)

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
8. Rocks Road US 101 Wildlife Connectivity Project (1Q260)	In San Benito County in the Aromas Hills (PM 0.0/2.8)	Identify wildlife crossing opportunities to connect important habitat on both sides of US 101 and improve safety for drivers and wildlife	TBD	TBD	State Funded	Terry Thompson (Acting PM)	PID	PID phase is in process.

Project numbers correspond to Attachment A: San Benito County Caltrans Project Location Map

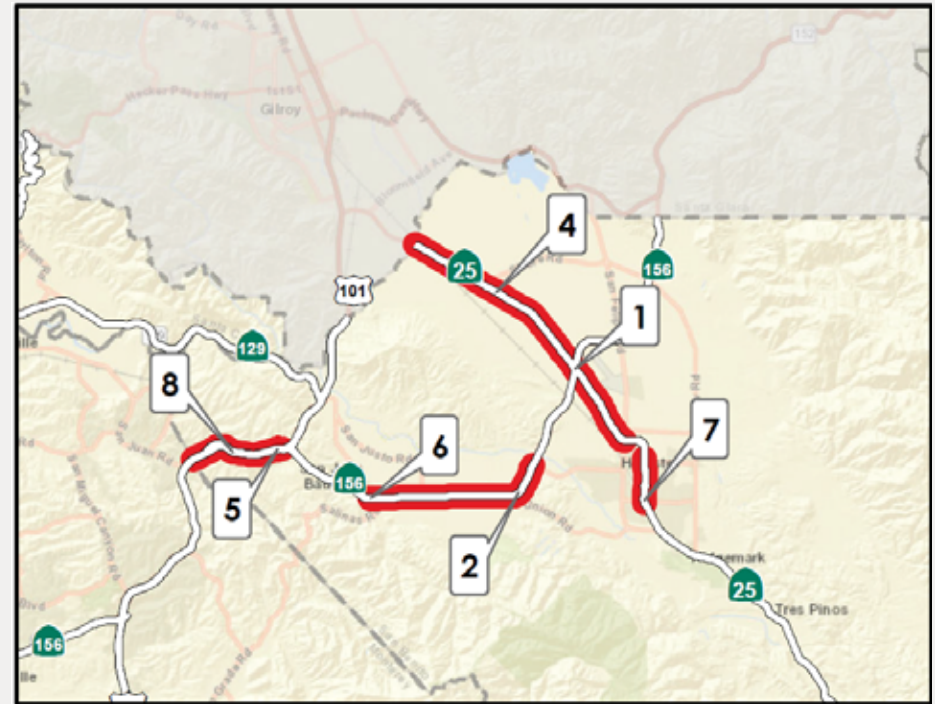
ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT:

ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CMAQ	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality
CMIA	Corridor Mobility Improvement Account
CTC	California Transportation Commission
ED	Environmental Document
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
PA&ED	Project Approval and Environmental Document
PM	Post Mile
PS&E	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates
RTL	Ready to List
RW	Right of Way
SB1	Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017
SCL	Santa Clara County Line

SHOPP	State Highway Operation and Protection Program
SR	State Route
STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
TBD	To Be Determined
TMS	Traffic Management System

CALTRANS DISTRICT 5 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS REPORT

1. SR 156 / SR 25 Turbo Roundabout Project
2. Highway 156 Improvement Project
3. Highway 25 Curve Alignment Restoration
4. Highway 25 Expressway Conversion
5. U.S 101 Southbound Connector Extension
6. SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization
7. Hollister Clean CA
8. Rocks Road US 101 Wildlife Connectivity Project





STAFF REPORT

Information

Prepared By: Veronica Lezama,
Transportation Planning Manager

Subject: Highway 156 Improvement Project

Agenda Item No. 8

Approved By: Binu Abraham, Executive Director

Meeting Date: June 1, 2023

Recommendation:

RECEIVE Update on the Highway 156 Improvement Project.

Summary:

Background/ Discussion:

The San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project will construct five new miles of four-lane at-grade expressway east of the The Alameda in San Juan Bautista to Business Route 156 near the City of Hollister. The corridor serves interregional traffic traveling between the Central Valley and the Monterey Bay region.

The project is funded through construction with local traffic impact fees, State, and federal transportation dollars. The project construction cost totals \$75,930,017 with a recent cost increase of \$13,808,000. Caltrans and COG have an existing Cooperative Agreement that outlines the funding share agreement for the project.

Construction on the project initiated in August of 2022 and construction is anticipated to open to the public in the fall of 2025.

Financial Impact:

The project construction cost increase totals \$13,808,000.