



SR 25 - San Felipe Rd to the US 101 – Need and Purpose

Project Need

The project is needed due to:

- Multiple at-grade access points and congestion lead to a high number of conflict points creating safety issues on SR 25.
- Due to an existing jobs/housing imbalance, and an increase in population growth, partly driven by state mandated affordable housing allocation (Regional Housing Needs Allocation), there is an increased demand for travel along the corridor.
- Increased demand along SR 25, especially during morning and evening peak periods, reduces reliability for automobile travelers and transit.
- Lack of employment centers, institutions of higher education, health facilities, hospitals, and emergency care within San Benito County creates transportation demand for residents to travel to points north of the County, where jobs, educational institutions, and health facilities, hospitals, and emergency care are abundant.
- Lack of reliable multi-modal transportation options for traveling north of the County.
- Traffic diversion to surrounding rural roads due to travel delays on SR 25 raises safety and access concerns on rural roads not designed for the increased capacity.

Project Purpose

The project's purpose is to:

- Reduce fatal and serious injury collisions on SR 25.
- Provide sustainable multimodal mobility and travel options to improve person throughput while meeting current and future projected travel demand on the corridor to support and encourage the region's housing, economic, and job creation goals.
- Provide reliable goods movement between San Benito County and destinations on the Coast, Central Valley, and the Bay Area.
- Improve travel time reliability between San Benito County and Santa Clara County.
- Equitably improve connectivity and mobility for communities in San Benito County and provide access to job centers and services in Santa Clara County.
- Alleviate regional/inter-regional traffic diversion onto the local roads to bypass congestion.