



**AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS**

**DATE:** Thursday, January 16, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

**LOCATIONS:** County Board of Supervisors Chambers  
481 Fourth Street  
Hollister, CA 95023

**DIRECTORS:** Jackie Morris-Lopez (City of San Juan Bautista)  
Roxanne Stephens (City of Hollister)  
Rolan Resendiz (City of Hollister)  
Kollin Kosmicki (County of San Benito)  
Ignacio Velazquez (County of San Benito)  
Ex Officio: Caltrans District 5

**ALTERNATES:** San Benito County: Dom Zanger  
City of San Juan Bautista: Scott Freels  
City of Hollister: Rudy Picha

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1. CALL TO ORDER 4:00 P.M.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call

4. **Verification of Certificate of Posting**

5. **Public Comment:** *(Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest on a subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Council of Governments and not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2 Speakers are limited to 3 minutes.)*

**ACTION ITEMS:**

6. SBCOG Board Chair and Vice Chairperson Election and Committee Appointments –
- a. HOLD Nomination and Election of SBCOG Chair and Vice Chairperson for the 2025 Meeting Calendar.
  - b. APPROVE Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).
  - c. APPROVE Appointment of Two (2) Representatives to the San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership (One City of Hollister Representative and One Other Representative).
  - d. APPROVE Appointment of Delegate to Central Coast Coalition Meetings.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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7. APPROVE Council of Governments Special Meeting Action Minutes Dated December 16, 2024 – Gomez
8. RECEIVE the 2025 Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

9. RECEIVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report/ Correspondence – Caltrans Ex-Officio
10. Executive Director’s Report (Verbal Report) – Abraham
11. Board of Directors’ Reports – (Verbal Report)

**Adjourn to COG Meeting on February 20, 2025. Agenda Deadline is February 04, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**

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### **Public Comment Guidelines**

1. If participating on Zoom: once you are selected, you will hear that you have been unmuted. At this time, state your first name, last name, and county you reside in for the record.
2. The Council of Governments Board welcomes your comments.
3. Each individual speaker will be limited to a presentation total of three (3) minutes.
4. Please keep your comments brief, to the point, and do not repeat prior testimony, so that as many people as possible can be heard. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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The front entrance of the San Benito County Administration Building, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023, at the following date and time:

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, on or before 5:00 P.M.

The meeting agenda was also posted on the Council of San Benito County Governments website, [www.sanbenitocog.org](http://www.sanbenitocog.org), under Meetings, COG Board, Meeting Schedule

I, Monica Gomez, swear under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

*Monica Gomez*

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Monica Gomez, Secretary II  
Council of San Benito County Governments



## STAFF REPORT

**Action**

**Prepared By:** Norma Aceves, Administrative Services Specialist

**Subject:** SBCOG Appointments

**Agenda Item No. 6**

**Approved By:** Binu Abraham

**Meeting Date:** January 16, 2025

**Recommendation:**

- a. Hold nomination and election of SBCOG Chair and Vice Chairperson for the 2025 Meeting Calendar.
- b. Approve appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).
- c. Approve appointment of two (2) Representatives to the San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership (One City of Hollister Representative and One Other Representative).
- d. Approve appointment of Delegate to Central Coast Coalition Meetings.

COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023, Zoom Platform  
December 16, 2024, at 10:00 A.M.  
ACTION MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Scott Freels, Vice Chair Mia Casey, Director Angela Curro, Director Mindy Sotelo, and Ex Officio Kelly McClendon (via-teleconference); Caltrans District 5

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Director Dolores Morales

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Executive Director; Binu Abraham, Office Assistant; Griselda Arevalo; Secretary; Monica Gomez, COG Legal Counsel; Osman Mufti (via-Zoom).

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Terry Thompson; Caltrans District 5 (via-Zoom), Matthew Carpenter; Transportation Management Consultant (via-Zoom), Paul Hierling; AMBAG

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Freels called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Freels led the pledge of allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

Secretary Gomez called the roll call and confirmed a quorum of Directors were present.

**4. CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

**Motion made to acknowledge Certificate of Posting:**

Motion: Director Sotelo                      Second: Director Curro

Motion carried:    4/0

Yes:                      Freels, Casey, Curro, Sotelo

No:                      None

Recused:              None

Abstention:          None

Absent:                Morales

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Opportunity to address the Board on items of interest on a subject matter within the jurisdiction of the Council of Governments and not appearing on the agenda. No action may be taken unless provided by Govt. Code Sec. 54954.2)

There was no public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

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- 6. APPROVE Council of Governments Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated November 21, 2024 – Gomez
- 7. APPOINT Mr. Raymond Martinez to the Measure G Citizens Oversight Committee to Represent the “District 1” Category – Diaz
- 8. APPROVE Budget Adjustment 24-25-05 in the Amount of \$3.9 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and Zero Emission Transit Capital Program (ZETCP) Fund. – Aceves
- 9. AUTHORIZE the Executive Director to Execute an Amendment to Consulting Services Agreement with Matthew Carpenter and Increase the Contract Budget by an Additional \$20,000 – Aceves
- 10. ACCEPT Council of Governments FY 23/24 Basic Financial Statements and Single Audit Reports – Aceves

Executive Director Abraham asked to pull Item 10.

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

**Motion made to Approve Consent Agenda 6 - 9:**

Motion: Director Casey                      Second: Director Sotelo  
Motion carried:    4/0  
Yes:                      Freels, Casey, Curro, Sotelo  
No:                        None  
Recused:                None  
Abstention:            None  
Absent:                   Morales

**Item 10:**

Executive Director Abraham noted that staff was revising Item 10 to ACCEPT only the Council of Governments FY 23/24 Basic Financial Statements and removing the “Single Audit Reports.”

**Motion made to Approve Consent Agenda Item 10 as revised by staff:**

Motion: Director Curro                      Second: Director Casey  
Motion carried:    4/0  
Yes:                      Freels, Casey, Curro, Sotelo  
No:                        None  
Recused:                None

Abstention: None  
Absent: Morales

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**11. APPROVE the FY 2023/2024 Measure G Annual Report – Aceves**

Administrative Services Specialist Norma Aceves presented the FY 2023/2024 Measure G Annual Report and answered questions from the Board of Directors.

The Board asked for clarification on the role of the Measure G Oversight Committee, specifically regarding its responsibility for auditing financial statements and ensuring that the work on projects within the jurisdictions is completed.

Ms. Aceves stated that there are two separate components. First, the Measure G Oversight Committee is responsible for auditing the financial statements, ensuring that funds are being used properly for local street and road maintenance. The second component is the compliance audit, which is conducted by an independent outside auditor. This audit reviews the financial statements, tracks the funding distribution, and confirms that the projects comply with the Ordinance.

Executive Director Binu Abraham added that staff is collaborating with K&N Financial Consultants to reevaluate the cash flow model and funding strategy and will provide an update to the Board in 2025.

There was no public comment.

**Motion made to Approve Item 11:**

Motion: Director Curro                      Second: Director Casey  
Motion carried: 4/0  
Yes: Freels, Casey, Curro, Sotelo  
No: None  
Recused: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: Morales

**12. APPROVE the Draft 2050 San Benito Regional Transportation Plan (2050 RTP) Revenue Forecast – Borick**

Transportation Planner, Samuel Borick presented the Draft 2050 San Benito Regional Transportation (2050 RTP) Revenue Forecast and introduced SBCOG Consultant Matthew Carpenter, who provided a presentation on the 2050 RTP update.

There was no public comment.

**Motion made to Approve Item 12:**

Motion: Director Sotelo                      Second: Director Casey  
Motion carried: 4/0  
Yes: Freels, Casey, Curro, Sotelo



No: None  
Recused: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: Morales

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

**13. RECEIVE Information on the US 101/156 Southbound On-Ramp Investigation – Kelly McClendon, Caltrans**

Executive Director Binu Abraham shared some background, explaining that this item originated from a request made by the previous SBCOG Board in 2022. Caltrans has completed its analysis and will present the findings to the Board today.

Caltrans Project Manager Terry Thompson presented an overview of Caltrans’ investigation into the congestion at the US 101/156 Southbound On-ramp and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Thompson stated that any potential project for the US 101/156 Southbound On-Ramp could only proceed with collaboration from SBCOG. Option A would require approximately \$2.55 million in partnering funds, while Option B would require approximately \$ 1.25 million. Ms. Thompson emphasized that, since this was a request from the SBCOG Board, Caltrans was seeking input from the Board on whether they wished to proceed with a partnership so that Caltrans could begin programming and planning the project.

There was consensus from the Board, recognizing the value of the request. They also noted the incoming SBCOG Board in January and agreed that, although not a top priority, safety concerns should be addressed first. However, they believe the request should remain on the list and be revisited in the future.

There was no public comment.

**14. RECEIVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report/Correspondence – Kelly McClendon, Caltrans**

Kelly McClendon with Caltrans District 5 Regional Planning provided an update on major construction projects on the Caltrans State Highway System in San Benito County and answered questions from the Board. Mr. McClendon highlighted that Caltrans was able to extend the comment period for the SR 25 Expressway Conversion project Notice of Preparation from December 12 to December 31. He noted that this is not the final opportunity for public input or review. It marks the first step in the environmental document development process. Also following the scoping meetings and feedback from the November SBCOG meeting, Caltrans is working on scheduling additional meetings with landowners, property owners, agricultural stakeholders, along the proposed alignment. These meetings are tentatively scheduled for late January or early February 2025 to discuss the project alignment in more detail. For more information, search “Caltrans 25 project” online to access the Notice of Preparation, scoping meeting recordings, and instructions for submitting comments by the December 31 deadline.

Mr. McClendon also reported that access to Mitchell Road for the SR 156 Improvement Project was reopened on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, approximately six months ahead of schedule. Additionally, the closure had limited convenient access to the Harvest Time Roadhouse restaurant, but that access has now been restored.

Mr. McClendon addressed questions raised by the Board at the November meeting. Regarding reports of a dip in the pavement near a stop sign on Bixby Road. While it won’t be addressed immediately, the full section

will be repaved and restored to good condition before the project is completed and turned over to the County. They also reviewed the signage at the Bixby Road intersection, where the original two-way stop was changed to an all-way stop. The original sign indicating that cross traffic doesn't stop is now outdated, so the construction team will remove it to prevent confusion for motorists. Also, in response to visibility concerns during nighttime and rainy conditions, the team recently updated the temporary markings in the construction zone to improve visibility based on those reports.

Vice Chair Casey expressed concern about a hard-to-see concrete divider near the turnoff to Bixby Road when heading from 156 towards 101, which drivers might hit when heading towards the roundabout on 156. The divider is raised and hard to spot until it's too late, causing potential hazards for drivers trying to go straight through the roundabout.

Mr. McClendon stated that he would follow up with the team regarding Vice Chair Casey's concern.

Director Curro requested additional information on the final road level conditions for Old Highway 156 when it is transferred over to the County.

Ms. Thompson noted that part of the relinquishment plan is to bring the road up to a state of good repair, which involves overlaying and restriping. Additionally, one of her upcoming tasks is to schedule a meeting with the County and SBCOG to discuss the relinquishment conditions for Old Highway 156.

There was no public comment.

## **15. Executive Director's Report – Abraham**

Executive Director Abraham provided a summary of SBCOG's key milestones and achievements for 2024. She expressed gratitude to the Board for their support and guidance, which enabled continued progress and a successful year of planning and execution on key priorities. She highlighted a few notable accomplishments, including securing approximately \$21.7 million in pass-through funds from federal, state, and local sources. SBCOG also secured \$8.5 million in grants and is awaiting an additional \$3 million funding decision from Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren. If approved, this would bring SBCOG's total to \$11.5 million for 2024. SBCOG also successfully dissolved Measure A, thanks to SBCOG's legal team.

Executive Director Abraham provided an update on the organization, highlighting that SBCOG is now fully staffed. She expressed appreciation to all SBCOG staff for their hard work and support. She also recognized the valuable support from staff at all three jurisdictions and various partner agencies. SBCOG successfully hired a new legal team. Board orientation and strategic planning were carried out. Staff successfully secured a new office space and are close to completing IT and security upgrades and are nearly ready to fully transition our IT operations to the cloud. Regarding transit operations, staff successfully secured a new vendor and are currently in the process of contract procurement.

Executive Director Abraham expressed appreciation to the Board for consistently advocating for Highway 25 and raising its importance in meetings with legislators. On the staff side, SBCOG participated in legislative meetings with the Central Coast Coalition, Self Help County's Leg Day, and meetings with the Speaker's office. Additionally, SBCOG engaged with state agencies such as Caltrans HQ, CALCOG, CTC, CA Rural Counties Task Force, and others regarding Highway 25. Executive Director Abraham highlighted key outreach efforts for the Highway 25 project, including a Town Hall, workshops, and presentations to local agencies, community organizations, and elected officials. Lastly, regarding SBCOG's office move, staff will be temporarily moving to the Elections office on Lana Way to save on lease costs while the new office is being

remodeled. That will be SBCOG's new location beginning January 2, 2025. To be considerate of SBCOG's hosts, staff will occasionally work remotely but will remain available to the Board at all times.

There was no public comment.

**16. Board of Directors' Reports –**

The Board of Directors expressed gratitude to the SBCOG Executive Director, staff, and SBCOG Counsel for their excellent collaboration and support. They emphasized the importance of the Mobility Partnership, AMBAG, and SBCOG in amplifying their efforts and commended Caltrans for their responsiveness and accessibility. The Board emphasized the importance of continuing the collaboration with Gavilan College for establishing a bus route to the new campus, and to explore transportation options for the new 55+ community at San Juan Oaks, ensuring residents have access to essential services such as healthcare and grocery stores. Lastly, they wished everyone a happy holiday season and New Year.

There was no public comment.

There was consensus from the Board to continue SBCOG Closed Session until the end of LTA, ALUC, and SAFE meetings.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

SBCOG Counsel, Osman Mufti reported that the SBCOG Board would be convening into Closed Session regarding Items 17-18 at 11:23 a.m.

There was no public comment on Closed Session items.

**17. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Government Code, § 54957(b)(1))**  
Employee: Executive Director

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

The SBCOG Board reconvened from Closed Session at 12:01 p.m.

**18. Report out of Closed Session.**

SBCOG Counsel, Osman Mufti stated that there was no reportable action taken under Closed Session

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Casey motioned to adjourn at 12:03 p.m.

Motion seconded by Director Curro.

Motion carried: 4/0

Yes: Freels, Casey, Curro, Sotelo

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Morales

**ADJOURN TO COG MEETING JANUARY 16, 2025, AT 4:00 P.M.**



## STAFF REPORT

### Consent

**Prepared By:** Monica Gomez

**Subject:** 2025 Council of Governments Board Meeting Calendar

### Agenda Item No. 8

**Approved By:** Binu Abraham

**Meeting Date:** January 16, 2025

### Recommendation:

Receive the 2025 Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting calendar.

### Summary:

This report contains the 2025 Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting calendar.

### Background/ Discussion:

The Council of Governments Board meets the third Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

### Financial Impact:

None.

### Attachments:

1. 2025 Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting Calendar

Council of San Benito County Governments (**SBCOG**),  
 Local Transportation Authority (**LTA**),  
 Airport Land Use Commission (**ALUC**), and  
 Service Authority for Freeways and Expressways (**SAFE**)

## 2025 Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Meeting Time	Meeting Location
Thurs: 01/16/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 02/20/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 03/20/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 04/17/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 05/15/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 06/19/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs. 07/17/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 08/21/2025	4:00 p.m.	In Recess
Thurs: 09/18/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 10/16/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 11/20/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
Thurs: 12/18/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers

\*The Council of Governments Board meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at the San Benito County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023



# PROJECT UPDATE - SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2025 COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Agenda Item: 9

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS									
Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments	
C1	<b>SR 156 Improvement Project (34490)</b>	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 - Fall 2025	\$89.7 million	STIP/Local	Terry Thompson	Teichert Construction	Construction activities continue. Mitchell Rd was open to traffic on December 3 <sup>rd</sup>
C2	<b>US 101 Rocks Road Tree Removal (1S010)</b>	US 101 in San Benito County near Rocks Road  (PM SBT 1.2/2.1)	Remove trees	October 2024 - December 2024	\$2.6 million	SHOPP	Lisa Lowerison	Community Tree Services	Removal of trees is complete. Planting and plant establishment will begin and continue to March 2026. The purpose of this project is to improve safety for the traveling public by eliminating the potential for trees and debris falling onto the roadway. Work activities also include environmental monitoring, site restoration, and erosion control.



# PROJECT UPDATE - SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE JANUARY 16, 2025 COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Agenda Item: 9

## PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
<b>D1</b>  <b>SR 156/Alameda EB Right-Turn Channelization (1P300)</b>	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	Summer 2025	TBD	Oversight/ Local	Terry Thompson	PS&E	Caltrans is actively collaborating with the City's design team regarding adjacent/affected property owners. The City's design team has prepared the 5th PS&E submittal and anticipates completing the Caltrans DEER review in Early 2025
<b>D2</b>  <b>State Route 25 Corridor Improvement Project (48541)</b>	San Felipe Road to 0.3 miles north of Hudner Lane to Highway 101  (PM SBt R52.0/60.1, SC1 0/2.6)	Conversion of 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway	N/A	N/A	Local	Terry Thompson	PA&ED	Caltrans and SBCOG are analyzing a range of alternatives that align with SB743 VMT guidelines. Per request from the public scoping meetings, a follow-up landowner-focused meeting will be scheduled.
<b>D3</b>  <b>US 101/ Rocks Road Wildlife Connectivity Project (1Q260)</b>	In San Benito County in the Aromas Hills (PM 0.0/2.8)	Construct a wildlife crossing to connect important habitat on both sides of US 101 and improve safety for drivers and wildlife	N/A	N/A	Other	Terry Thompson	PA&ED	Environmental Studies are underway and design work on the project is proceeding. The Wildlife Conservation Board has provided Grant Funding for this project. Caltrans staff provided tour to National Wildlife Federation in August.



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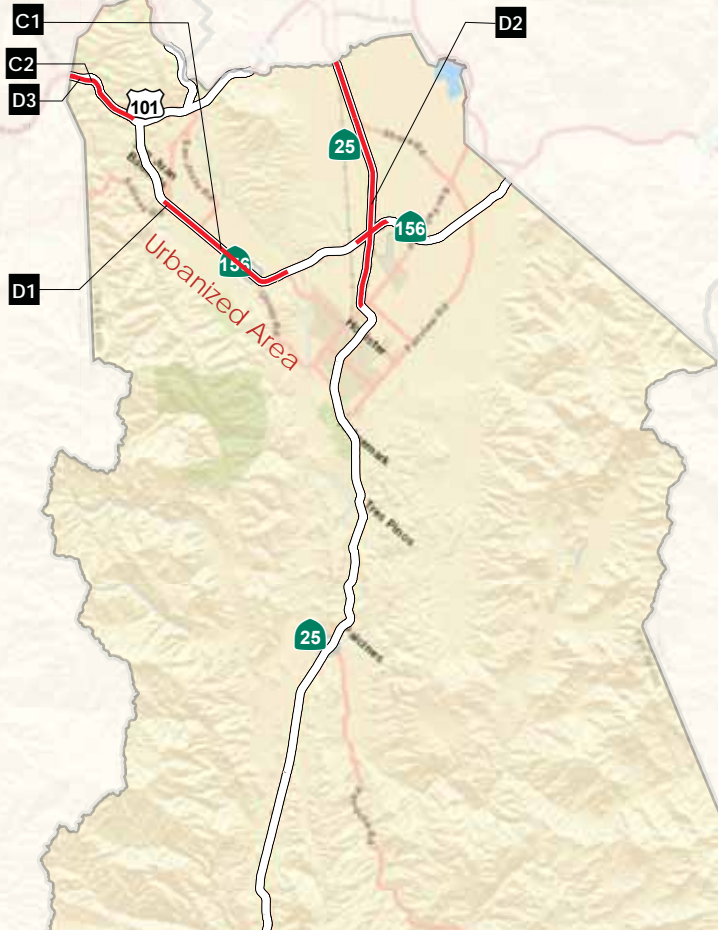
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## ACRONYMS USED IN THIS REPORT:

<b>ADA</b>	Americans with Disabilities Act	<b>SHOPP</b>	State Highway Operation and Protection Program
<b>CEQA</b>	California Environmental Quality Act	<b>SR</b>	State Route
<b>CMAQ</b>	Congestion Mitigation Air Quality	<b>STIP</b>	State Transportation Improvement Program
<b>CMIA</b>	Corridor Mobility Improvement Account	<b>TBD</b>	To Be Determined
<b>CTC</b>	California Transportation Commission	<b>TMS</b>	Traffic Management System
<b>DEER</b>	Design Engineering Evaluation Report	<b>VMT</b>	Vehicle Miles Traveled
<b>ED</b>	Environmental Document		
<b>EIR</b>	Environmental Impact Report		
<b>PA&amp;ED</b>	Project Approval and Environmental Document		
<b>PID</b>	Project Initiation Document		
<b>PM</b>	Post Mile		
<b>PS&amp;E</b>	Plans, Specifications, and Estimates		
<b>RTL</b>	Ready to List		
<b>RW</b>	Right of Way		
<b>SBI</b>	Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017		
<b>SCL</b>	Santa Clara County Line		

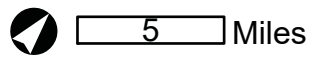


# Caltrans Project Update San Benito County



ID	Project	Description
C1	SR 156 Improvement Project	Construct four-lane expressway
C2	US 101 Rocks Road Tree Removal	Remove trees
D1	SR 156/Alameda EB Right Turn Channelization	Installation of eastbound right-turn channelization from SR 156 onto the Alameda
D2	State Route 25 Corridor Improvement Project	Conversion of 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway
D3	US 101/ Rocks Road Wildlife Connectivity Project	Identify wildlife crossing opportunities

Countywide Map:



Urbanized Area Map:

