



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

**DATE:** Thursday, February 20, 2025  
4:00 p.m.

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

**DIRECTORS:** Ignacio Velazquez, Chair (County of San Benito)  
Roxanne Stephens, Vice-Chair (City of Hollister)  
Jackie Morris-Lopez (City of San Juan Bautista)  
Rolan Resendiz (City of Hollister)  
Kollin Kosmicki (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.)*

#### 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 Council of Governments Regular Meeting Action Minutes Dated January 16, 2025 – Gomez
7. RECEIVE Revised 2025 Council of Governments Board of Directors Meeting Calendar.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

*4:00 P.M. Public Hearing (Or As Soon Thereafter As the Matter May Be Heard)*

8. **Unmet Transit Needs Report** – Diaz
- a. RECEIVE Report on the Unmet Transit Needs Process.
  - b. HOLD Public Hearing on the Unmet Transit Needs of the Community.

#### 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 SBCOG Meeting on March 20, 2025. Agenda Deadline is March 04, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.**

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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 14<sup>th</sup> day of February 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

COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS  
REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 481 Fourth Street, Hollister, CA 95023, Zoom Platform  
January 16, 2025, at 4:00 P.M.  
ACTION MINUTES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chair Ignacio Velazquez, Director Jackie Morris-Lopez, Director Kollin Kosmicki, Director Rolan Resendiz, Alt. Director Rudy Picha, and Ex Officio Brandy Rider; Caltrans District 5.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Vice-Chair Roxanne Stephens.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jill Leal, Terry Thompson; Caltrans District 5 (via-Zoom), Heather Adamson; AMBAG (via-Zoom).

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Director Velazquez called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Director Kosmicki 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 Kosmicki      Second: Director Resendiz

Motion carried:    5/0

Yes:                    Velazquez, Morris-Lopez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha

No:                     None

Recused:             None

Abstention:         None

Absent:                Stephens

**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 public comment received from Kathy Postigo.

**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.

**Motion made to Elect Ignacio Velazquez as COG Chairperson and Roxanne Stephens as COG Vice Chairperson for 2025:**

Motion: Director Kosmicki      Second: Director Morris-Lopez  
Motion carried: 5/0  
Yes: Velazquez, Morris-Lopez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha  
No: None  
Recused: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: Stephens

- b. APPROVE Appointment of Delegate and Alternate to the California Association of Councils of Governments (CALCOG).

**Motion made to Appoint Chair Velazquez as Delegate and Vice Chair Stephens as Alternate for CALCOG:**

Motion: Director Resendiz      Second: Director Kosmicki  
Motion carried: 5/0  
Yes: Velazquez, Morris-Lopez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha  
No: None  
Recused: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: Stephens

- c. APPROVE Appointment of Two (2) Representatives to the San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership (One City of Hollister Representative and One Other Representative).

**Motion made to Appoint Chair Velazquez and Vice Chair Stephens as Reps. to the San Benito/Santa Clara Mobility Partnership:**

Motion: Director Kosmicki      Second: Director Resendiz  
Motion carried: 5/0  
Yes: Velazquez, Morris-Lopez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha  
No: None  
Recused: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: Stephens

- d. APPROVE Appointment of Delegate to Central Coast Coalition Meetings.

**Motion made to Appoint Director Morris-Lopez as Delegate to the CCC meetings:**

Motion: Director Kosmicki      Second: Director Resendiz  
Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Velazquez, Morris-Lopez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha  
No: None  
Recused: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: Stephens

There was no public comment on items 7a-d.

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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

There was no public comment on the Consent Agenda.

**Motion made to Approve Consent Agenda 7 and 8:**

Motion: Director Kosmicki      Second: Director Resendiz  
Motion carried: 5/0  
Yes: Velazquez, Morris-Lopez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha  
No: None  
Recused: None  
Abstention: None  
Absent: Stephens

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- 9. RECEIVE Monthly Caltrans District 5 Construction Projects Report/ Correspondence – Brandy Rider, Caltrans Ex-Officio

Caltrans Deputy District Director for Transportation Planning Brandy Rider announced that there is ongoing overnight lane closures on US 101 near San Juan Bautista for culvert repairs, with work expected to finish by tomorrow. She also reminded everyone that the Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants are due by Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, with approximately \$37 million available for transportation planning studies. She advised cities, county, and SBCOG staff to reach out to Jill Leal for assistance with any questions regarding their applications.

Ms. Rider provided an update on major construction projects on the Caltrans State Highway System in San Benito County and answered questions from the Board. For the SR 156/Alameda eastbound Right-Turn Channelization project, collaboration with the City of San Juan Bautista is ongoing. Caltrans is responding to feedback on a recent design submittal and working to finalize plans. The SR 25 Corridor Improvement project has scheduled meetings for landowners. There are two in-person meetings on January 28<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran’s Memorial Building in Hollister (1 p.m. and 5 p.m.), and a virtual meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. These

meetings are designed to inform landowners about the project and provide opportunities for direct conversations with Caltrans and SBCOG.

Director Kosmicki requested a detailed schedule for the SR 156 Improvement Project, focusing on the highway reopening and the work on the old highway. He asked for a timeline to share with the public to address questions about the next steps, including information about the two new lanes and the work on the old highway. Additionally, he raised concerns about the 156 Roundabout, mentioning ongoing confusion regarding the two lanes being used. He inquired whether clearer signage or a change to allow both lanes to be used will be implemented. Lastly, he asked if there had been any progress or updates on the study regarding the potential closure of the turns at Rocks Road, specifically the ability to turn onto 101 South.

Ms. Rider mentioned that she would work with the project manager and construction team to gather the final stages of the construction timeline, including when the phases are expected to occur, such as transitioning to the new lanes and the work on the existing SR 156 and will provide the information to the Board. Regarding the concerns about the SR 156 Roundabout, Ms. Rider explained that the SR 25/156 Roundabout has more signage and curb delineators due to higher traffic volumes. In contrast, the SR 156 Roundabout is designed for lower traffic volumes and doesn't require these features. She will confirm whether lane delineation will be added to the SR 156 Roundabout. Regarding the potential closure of turns at Rocks Road, Ms. Rider said there was no update, but will investigate it, adding that they are coordinating with the County on the matter.

Director Morris-Lopez expressed concern about nighttime visibility at the 156 Roundabout, recommending the use of reflective paint or markers. She also pointed out an issue with the temporary lane when turning from eastbound 156 into San Juan Bautista. The lane configuration creates the impression that oncoming traffic could enter the left turn lane, which is disorienting for both locals and visitors. Additionally, the right turn lane into town has a jagged shape, which further complicates turnings. She inquired if any improvements could be made to address these issues.

Ms. Rider said she would check on the timing of when that work will be completed and report back to the Board.

Chair Velazquez highlighted the need for a comprehensive update on the SR 156 Improvement Project, including details on funding, timelines, and changes like the roundabout and road closures. With new Board members, it's important to provide clear, updated information to the public, as many questions have resurfaced. A full presentation, not just a brief update, is needed to address these concerns and ensure transparency. He also mentioned that he will be requesting more presentations to provide updates on Highway 25. Chair Velazquez expressed concerns about the cost shift for the US 101/SR 156 Southbound On-Ramp extension project, which was initially covered by Caltrans but is now requiring SBCOG funds. He also highlighted safety issues on Highway 25 due to trucks from Z-best farm, stressing the need for collaboration with District 4 to address the growing risk of accidents.

Ms. Rider noted that Caltrans District 4 and 5 are coordinating closely and have met with Assemblyman Rivas's office to address the safety issues on Highway 25 and explore potential solutions. While engineers have previously made recommendations, the next step is figuring out how to move forward and partner effectively, as it remains a dangerous area near Bolsa Road. Ms. Rider stated that she would follow up regarding the concerns raised by the Board.

There was no public comment.



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

Executive Director Abraham announced that SBCOG staff are applying for two Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning grants. One is for a comprehensive multi-modal corridor plan for Highway 25, which is needed for future SB1 funding. If awarded, SBCOG will collaborate with Caltrans and VTA on this study. The second is a zero-emission bus planning study, required to transition the fleet by 2040 as per the state mandate. SBCOG is seeking letter of support from local jurisdictions, including the City of Hollister, which is being asked to co-sponsor both Highway 25 and transit applications. In addition, SBCOG is hosting a Highway 25 landowners meeting on January 28 and a virtual meeting on February 5. Additionally, LTA received a new cutaway bus from a federal grant. SBCOG is planning a Board orientation and will provide more in-depth information on various projects in the coming months. Executive Director Abraham introduced the SBCOG team and legal counsel.

SBCOG's legal counsel, Osman Mufti and Kirk Trost, who joined via-Zoom introduced themselves and shared a brief overview of their backgrounds.

There was no public comment.

## **11. Board of Directors' Reports –**

Chair Velazquez emphasized the importance of all Directors sharing their goals for the year.

Director Resendiz stated that he would like to focus on addressing Highway 25, emphasizing transparency with the community about its challenges and the need for education on the history and process surrounding Highway 25. He also expressed interest in collaborating with Assemblyman Rivas to secure funding and expand the highway in a practical timeline. He also acknowledged the importance of other SBCOG services and roadwork projects, and welcomed both new staff and returning members, and looked forward to working together.

Director Morris-Lopez stated that she was new to SBCOG, having served as an alternate last year. She expressed a strong desire to collaborate with fellow SBCOG Directors for the county's benefit. Representing District 2, she looks forward to working with Supervisor Kosmicki and others to shape the district's future. She also highlighted the importance of keeping the public informed, especially new residents, about ongoing projects and processes and looks forward to working with staff.

Director Kosmicki echoed the sentiments of Directors Resendiz and Morris-Lopez, emphasizing that Highway 25 should be a top priority and highlighted the need for clear, realistic timelines to communicate progress to the public and to be prepared with alternative plans if needed. He expressed the importance of pressuring state representatives for support and commitments to transportation improvements, particularly for Highway 25 and Highway 156, as well as ensuring transparent communication with the public about project timelines. Lastly, he stated that he would like to discuss renaming Highway 25 Pinnacles National Park Highway.

Director Picha supported the other Directors' views on Highway 25 being a priority. He also highlighted the importance of securing zero-emission grant funding to provide bus services, potentially running a few times a day, to transport people to the county's wine trails. To help visitors explore the area safely while having fun.

Chair Velazquez expressed disappointment over the Board’s progress and outlined key issues to address moving forward. He highlighted the need for a new Traffic Impact Fee Study, due to rising costs, particularly for Highway 25, and stressed the importance of adjusting fees to reflect these changes in order to realistically move the project forward. He emphasized the importance of providing the public with an accurate understanding, particularly regarding the Highway 25 project, which has seen its cost rise from \$240 million in 2021 to \$800 million. He stressed the need for transparency, especially about the project’s unrealistic 10-year completion timeline. Chair Velazquez also asked for updates on the off-ramp project at Highway 25 and 101, which he had worked on previously, and for clarity on discussions around road expansion to Gavilan College.

Chair Velazquez emphasized the need to clarify the situation with partners in District 4, particularly around funding and scope changes in the 101 project, as there may be confusion. He requested a detailed spreadsheet outlining project costs, completion dates, and funding sources, noting that relying on grant money can be risky. He also highlighted the need for updates on the widening of Union Road and Airline Highway due to increasing traffic from proposed local growth, and called for clear information on costs, timelines, and feasibility, especially in relation to funding and development.

Chair Velazquez suggested that the current plan for Highway 25 may need to be revised due to its high cost. While the original goal was to create a four-lane highway, he acknowledged that an achievable plan is necessary. He also called for clarity on the allocation of Measure G funds and the remaining balance for local jurisdictions. If the funding period expired, he stressed the need to determine the next steps and reset the timeline if needed. These points, once clarified, should be shared with the public to facilitate informed decision-making as a team.

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to discuss, Director Kosmicki motioned to adjourn at 4:45 p.m.

Motion seconded by Director Resendiz.

Motion carried: 5/0

Yes: Velazquez, Morris-Lopez, Kosmicki, Resendiz, Alt. Picha

No: None

Recused: None

Abstention: None

Absent: Stephens

**ADJOURN TO COG MEETING FEBRUARY 20, 2024, AT 4:00 P.M.**



## STAFF REPORT

### Consent

**Prepared By:** Monica Gomez

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

### Agenda Item No. 7

**Approved By:** Binu Abraham

**Meeting Date:** February 20, 2025

### Recommendation:

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

### Summary:

This report includes the revised 2025 Council of Governments Board of Directors meeting calendar, which shows the Board will be in recess in July rather than August.

### Background/ Discussion:

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

### Financial Impact:

None.

### Attachments:

1. Revised 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
<b>Thurs. 07/17/2025</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>In Recess</b>
Thurs: 08/21/2025	4:00 p.m.	San Benito Co. Board of Supervisors Chambers
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



## STAFF REPORT

**Action**

**Prepared By:** Victor Diaz, Transportation Planner

**Subject:** Unmet Transit Needs Report

**Agenda Item No. 8**

**Approved By:** Binu Abraham, Executive Director

**Meeting Date:** February 20, 2025

**Recommendation:**

- a. RECEIVE Report on the Unmet Transit Needs Process.
- b. HOLD Public Hearing on the Unmet Transit Needs of the Community.

**Summary:**

In its role as the Transportation Development Act (TDA) fund administrator, the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) is responsible for conducting the annual Unmet Transit Needs process. An *unmet transit need* is a transit service not provided through existing public bus services that is reasonable to meet.

**Background/ Discussion:**

Each year, SBCOG receives a Transportation Development Act (TDA) funding allocation from the State to fund local public transit services. SBCOG must allocate TDA funding to projects and programs that comply with the TDA guidelines. Public participation is also a key component of the TDA guidelines.

Each year, SBCOG must hold at least one public hearing to receive comments from the public on the unmet transit needs of the community. A public hearing is scheduled for February 20, 2025, at the SBCOG Board meeting. The Unmet Transit Needs process accomplishes more than simply meeting a state requirement, it also provides a forum for public input on the services implemented by the Local Transportation Authority (LTA). Transit services offered locally are provided by County Express and Specialized Transportation.

The Unmet Transit Needs process consists of the following three steps:

1. Solicit testimony from the public on the Unmet Transit Needs of the community. Staff conducts the following outreach efforts to receive input from the public.
  - Public Hearing, bilingual
  - Online Survey, bilingual
  - Onboard Bus Surveys, bilingual
  - Newspaper article

— Social Media posts

2. Analyze the Unmet Transit Needs expressed by the public, in accordance with SBCOG adopted definition of an unmet transit need and reasonable to meet criterion. Staff also evaluate all comments received with SBCOG's Social Services Transportation Advisory Council<sup>1</sup>. Once comments are evaluated, the Board will receive the draft comments that have been classified as Unmet Transit Needs that are found reasonable to meet for implementation in the upcoming 2025/2026 fiscal year.
3. Adopt findings regarding Unmet Transit Needs, found reasonable to meet, which may exist for implementation by the LTA in the upcoming 2025/2026 Fiscal Year. The SBCOG Board of Directors will adopt the Unmet Transit Needs Report by May 2025.

**Alternatives:**

None.

**Financial Impact:**

The SBCOG receives an annual allocation of TDA funds for the operations of the County Express and Specialized Transportation services. TDA funds are also used to finance the community's Unmet Transit Needs that are found reasonable to meet by the SBCOG Board of Directors. The California Public Utilities Code requires all Regional Transportation Planning Agencies conduct an Unmet Transit Needs process in order to be eligible for TDA funding.

**Attachment:**

1. Unmet Transit Needs Flyers

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<sup>1</sup> The Social Services Transportation Advisory Council advises the Council of Governments on matters related to its public transportation services and is responsible for representing the concerns of all segments of the community, including the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons of limited means.

# Public Hearing on Unmet Transit Needs



**February 20, 2025 | 4 PM**  
**20 de febrero de 2025 | 4 PM**

Board of Supervisors Chambers  
 481 Fourth Street, Hollister

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[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85891489193?  
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## What is an Unmet Transit Need?

Each year, the Council of Governments (COG) works with the public to identify any transit (bus) needs that are not currently being met by County Express or Specialized Transportation - a service provided by Jovenes de Antaño/Youth of Yesteryear.

We are accepting comments through February 27.

## ¿Qué es una Necesidad de Tránsito Insatisfecha?

*Cada año, el Consejo de Gobiernos (COG) trabaja con el público para identificar necesidades de tránsito que actualmente no está siendo atendida por County Express o Specialized Transportation, un servicio de Jóvenes de Antaño.*

*Aceptando comentarios hasta el 27 de febrero.*

Written comments can be emailed to Victor Diaz, Transportation Planner

*Comentarios escritos pueden enviarse por correo electrónico a Victor Diaz, Planificador de Transporte*  
[vdiaz@sanbenitocog.org](mailto:vdiaz@sanbenitocog.org)

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# PROJECT UPDATE - SAN BENITO COUNTY

PREPARED FOR THE FEBRUARY 20, 2025 COUNCIL OF SAN BENITO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS MEETING

Agenda Item: 9

If a Commissioner/Commissioner's Alternate of the SBCOG intends in advance to ask about a particular project at the Board meeting, it is kindly requested that they submit their inquiry in advance so that Caltrans staff have time to research details & nuances on the matter.

\*\* Project information provided below is subject to change at any time \*\*

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS									
Project	Location/Post Mile (PM)	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Project Manager	Contractor	Comments	
<b>C1</b>	<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>

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





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D2	<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, SCI 0/2.6)	Conversion of 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway	N/A	N/A	Local, potential grant funding	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, follow-up landowner-focused meetings were conducted on January 28, 2025 and February 5, 2025. Environmental document is in progress with technical studies and field surveys beginning.
D3	<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, potential grant funding	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 a tour to the National Wildlife Federation in August.
D4	<b>Hollister SR25 Median Barrier Project (1R540)</b>	In Hollister, San Benito County on State Route 25, between north of Santa Ana Road, and east of San Felipe Road.	Install median barrier	Early 2027	TBD	SHOPP	Terry Thompson	PS&E/RW	PID completed December 2024, moving straight into design/PS&E. RTL planned Summer 2026 and construction starting early 2027.



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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>SB1</b>	Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017		
<b>SCL</b>	Santa Clara County Line		