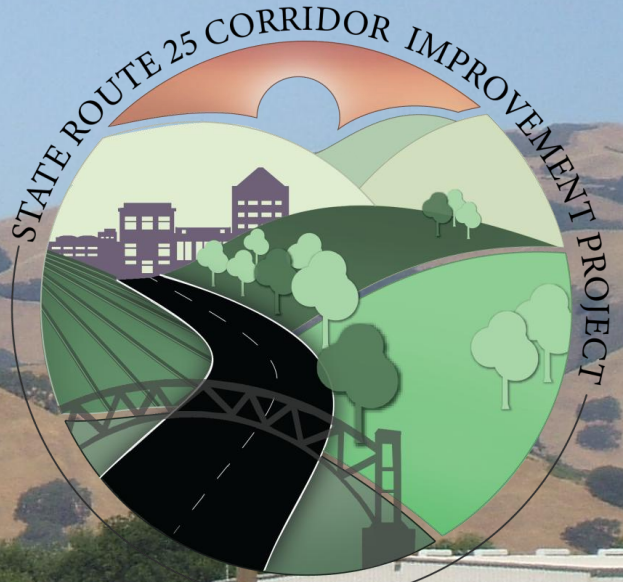


SR 25 Corridor Improvement Project: Workshop

March 12, 2025



Welcome

Binu Abraham

Council of San Benito County Governments, *Executive Director*

Bob Tiffany

California Transportation Commission, *Commissioner*

Scott Eades

Caltrans, *District 5 Director*

Terry Thompson

Caltrans, *Project Manager*

Eileen Goodwin

Apex Strategies



Meeting Objectives

- Milestones achieved
- Next steps and forward focus
- Opportunity for collaborative discussion
- Establish a strong, unified partnership



Roles and Responsibilities

Sponsor: **SBCOG** and **Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)** will establish the scope of the project, secure the financial resources to fund the project and represent the needs of the communities.



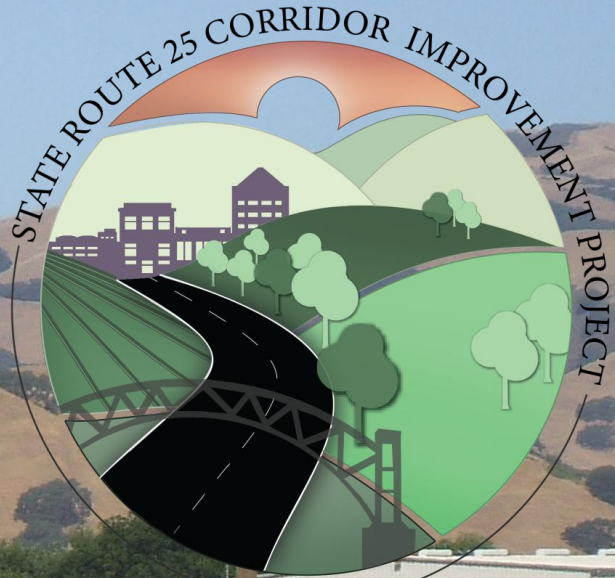
Implementing Agency: **Caltrans** will implement the project in partnership with the **Council of San Benito County Governments** and the **VTA**.



California Transportation Commission (CTC): Responsible for the programming and allocating of funds for the construction of highway, passenger rail and transit improvements throughout California.

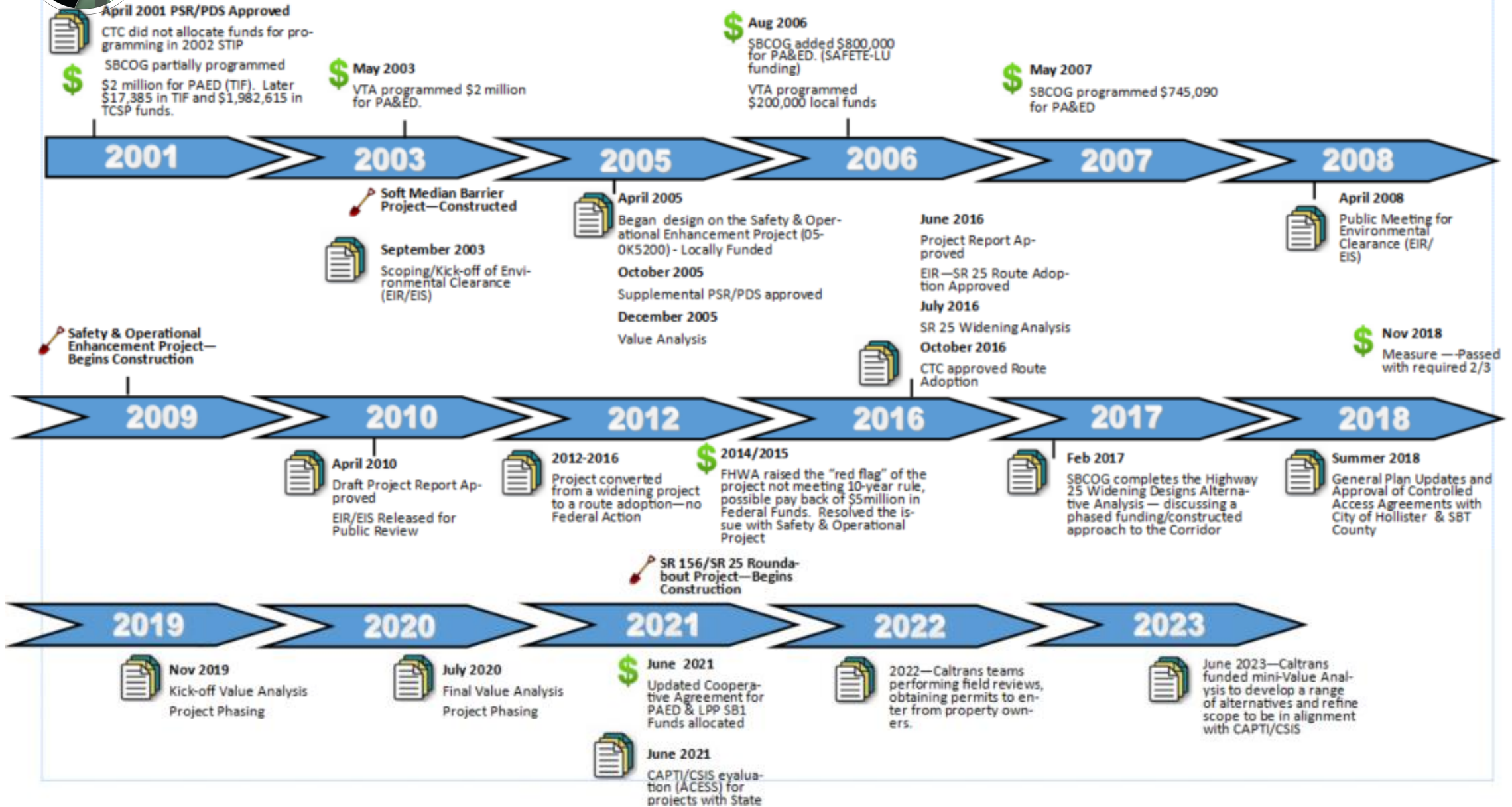


Early Board Milestones





PROJECT TIMELINE



Route Adoption

- Needed to establish a location for an unconstructed route.
- An alignment is considered new when additional right-of-way is required that is not substantially contiguous with the existing highway right-of-way.
- California Transportation Commission (CTC) Approved Route Adoption October 2016

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS
CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CTC Meeting: October 19-20, 2016

Reference No: 2.3a.(1)
Action Item

From: NORMA ORTEGA
Chief Financial Officer

Prepared by: Timothy Craggs, Chief
Division of Design

Subject: ROUTE ADOPTION – CONTROLLED ACCESS HIGHWAY
05-SBt-25 PM 51.5/60.1, 04-SCt-25 PM 0.0/2.6
RESOLUTION HRA 16-02

RECOMMENDATION:

Submitted for transmittal to the California Transportation Commission (Commission) are Highway Route Adoption Resolution HRA 16-02 and a route location map for State Highway Route (SR) 25. The California Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the Commission approve the resolution and the route location map in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer. The resolution grants approval of State highway route adoption of SR 25 in San Benito County from Post Mile (PM) 51.5 to 60.1 and in Santa Clara County from PM 0.0 to 2.6.

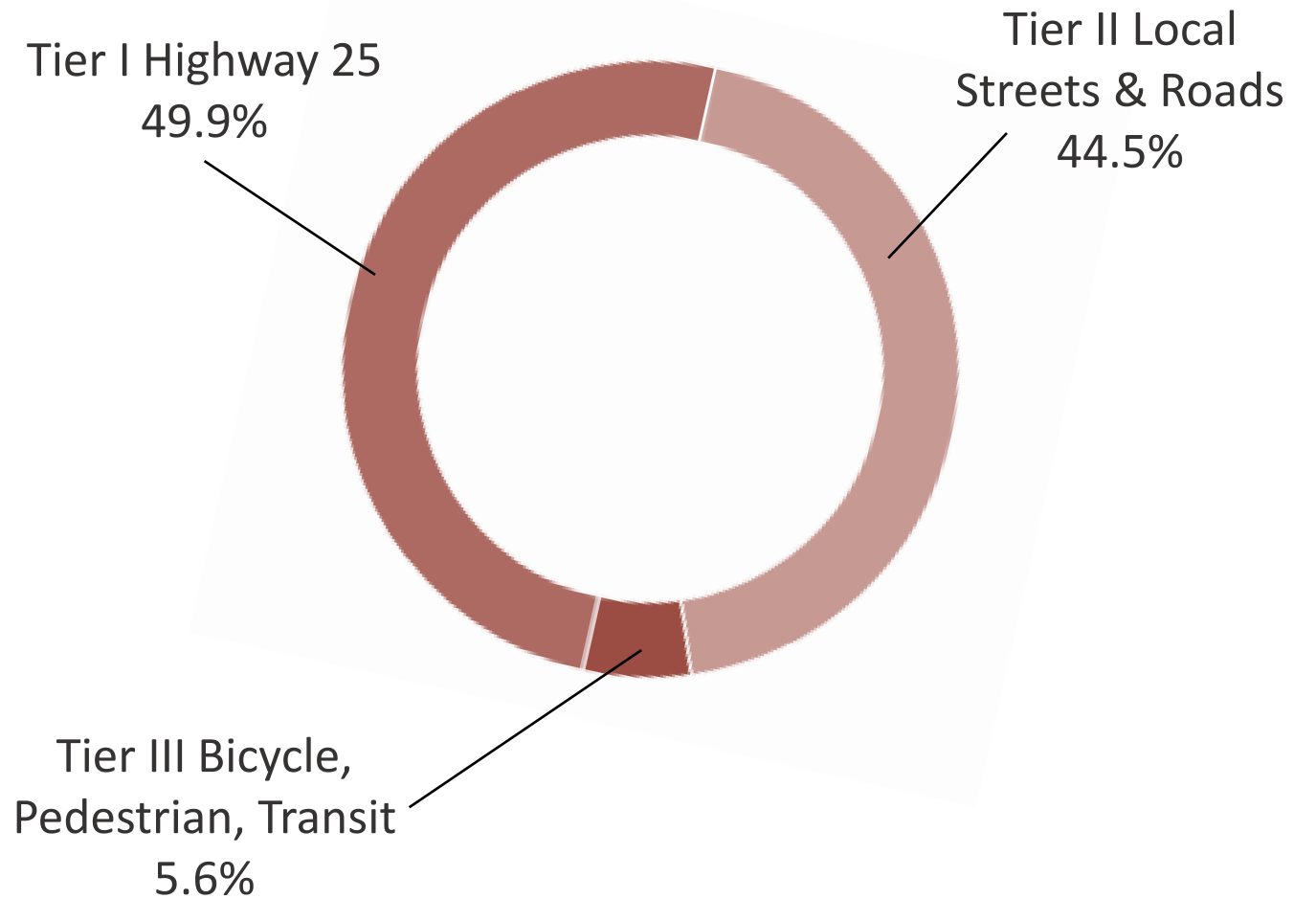
ISSUE:

The City of Hollister (City), through the Council of San Benito County Governments (SBtCOG) in coordination with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), requested the Department to initiate this project that proposes to adopt a new corridor for SR 25, to enhance interregional system connectivity and regional traffic operations. A California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) - Environmental Impact Report (EIR), which serves as a planning document, was signed on June 6, 2016. The Project Report recommending the route adoption was approved on July 8, 2016.

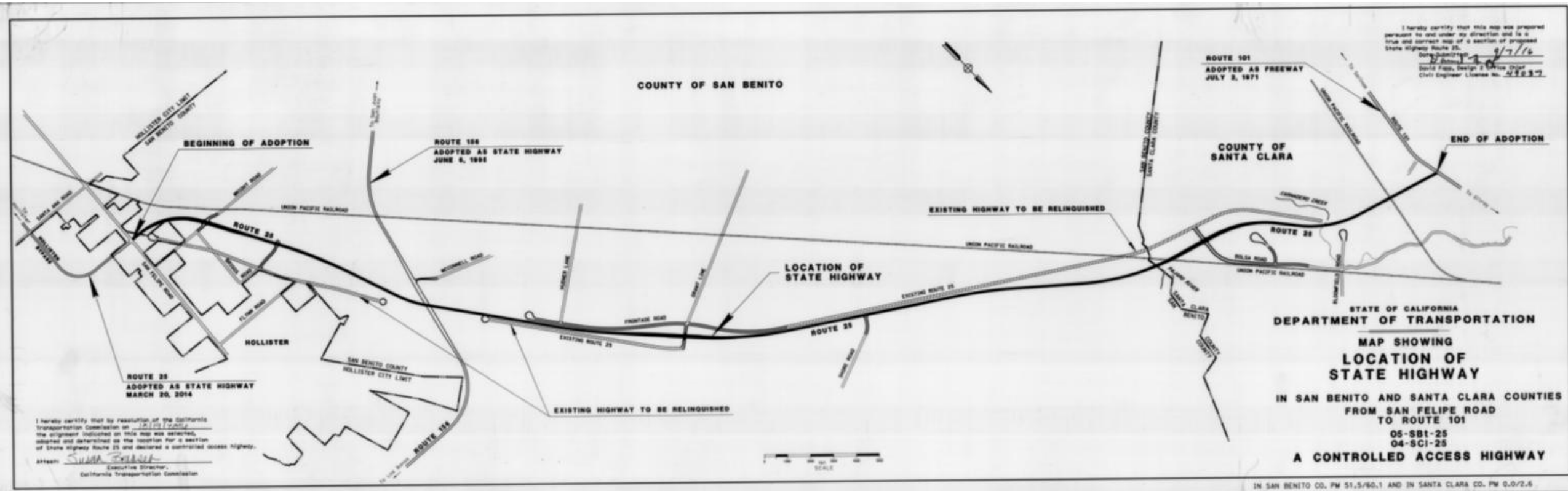
Recommended by: KARLA SUTLIFF
Chief Engineer

Measure G

The SR 25 Corridor Improvement Project was the backbone of the 2018 Measure G Expenditure Plan and approved by 70% of San Benito County voters.



Route Alignment Selection Process

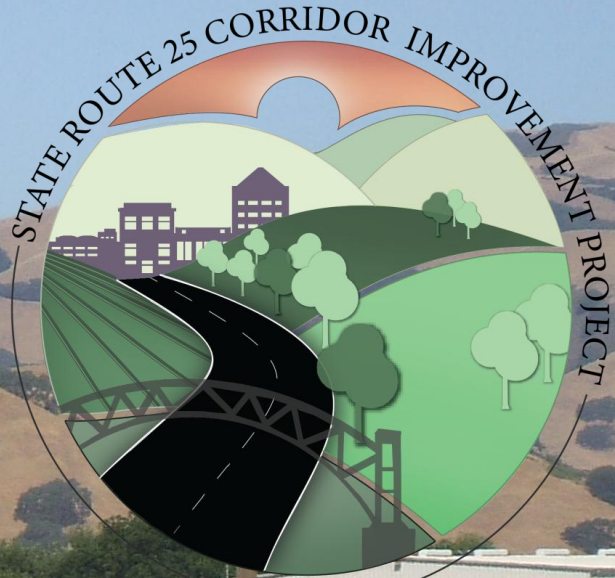


Adopted 2016 Route

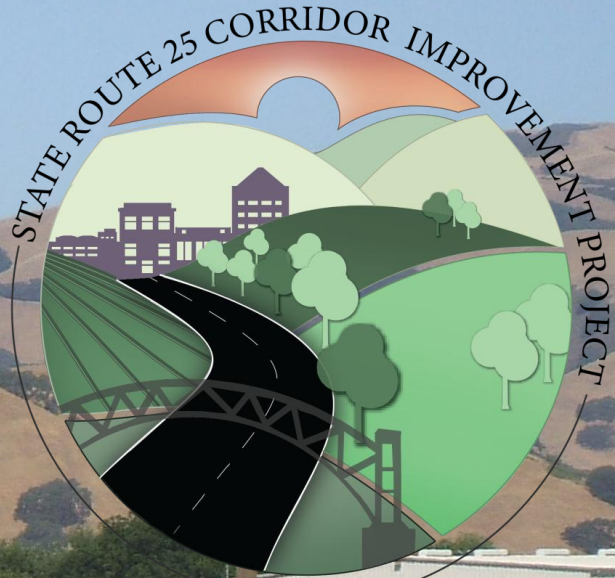
Factors Considered in Alignment Selection Process

- Purpose and need
- Residential impacts
- Business impacts
- Farmland impacts
- Utility impacts
- Biological impacts
- Hazardous waste site locations
- Safety
- Operations
- Accessibility
- Cost effectiveness
- Other considerations

Discussion



Improving SR 25



Recent Improvements Constructed or Under Construction



SR 25/SR 156 Roundabout (2024)

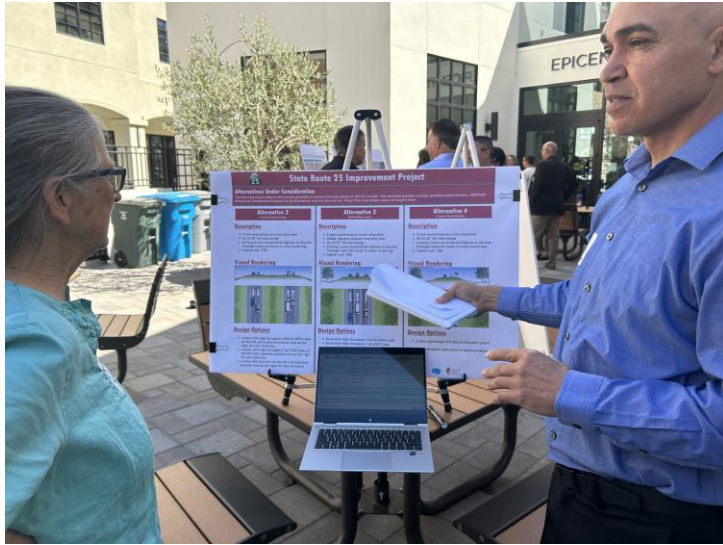


SR 156 Expressway Conversion (2025)

Recently Completed Project Milestones

- SR 25 Value Analysis Study
- New Purpose and Need Statement
- New Project Alternatives
- Release of CEQA Notice of Preparation (NOP)
- Beginning of Environmental Studies and EIR

Public Outreach Efforts



Environmental Document

Programmatic EIR/EA



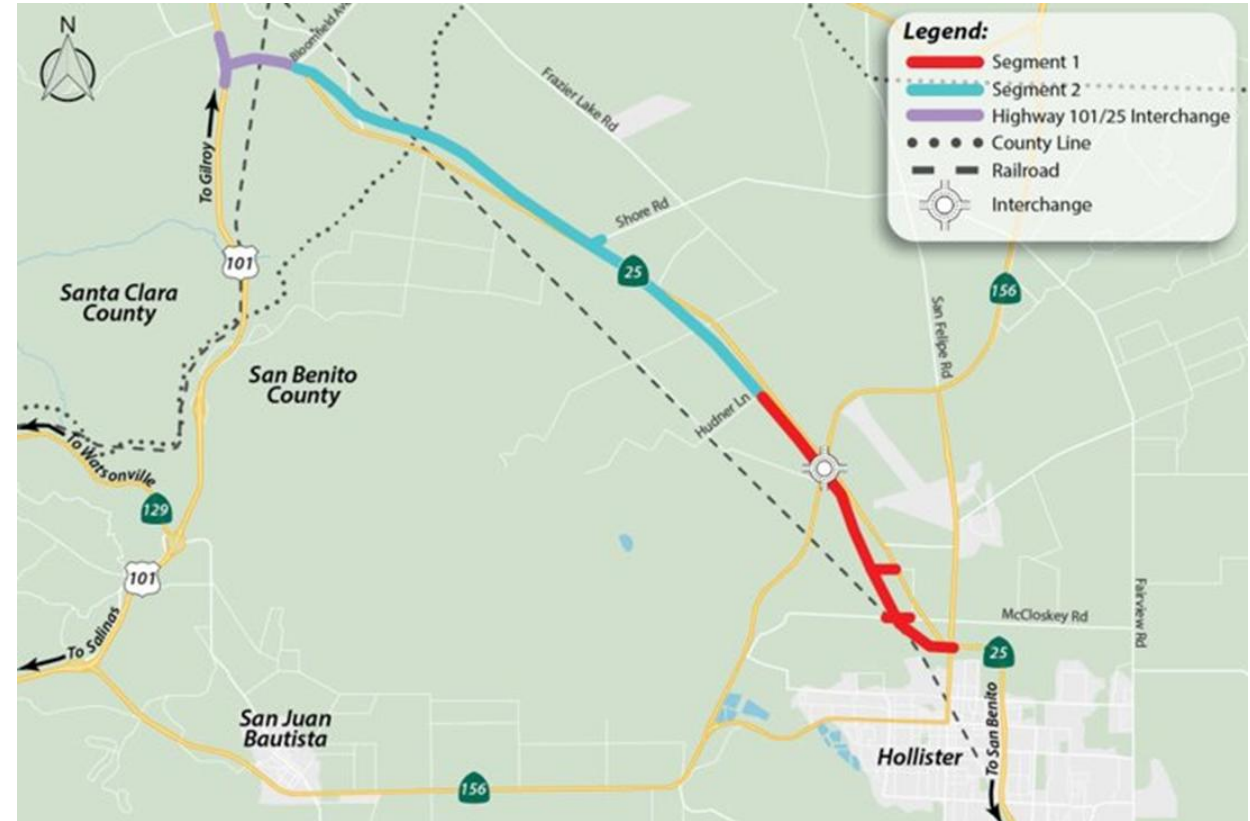
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- Segment 2 – Hudner Ln to Bloomfield Ave



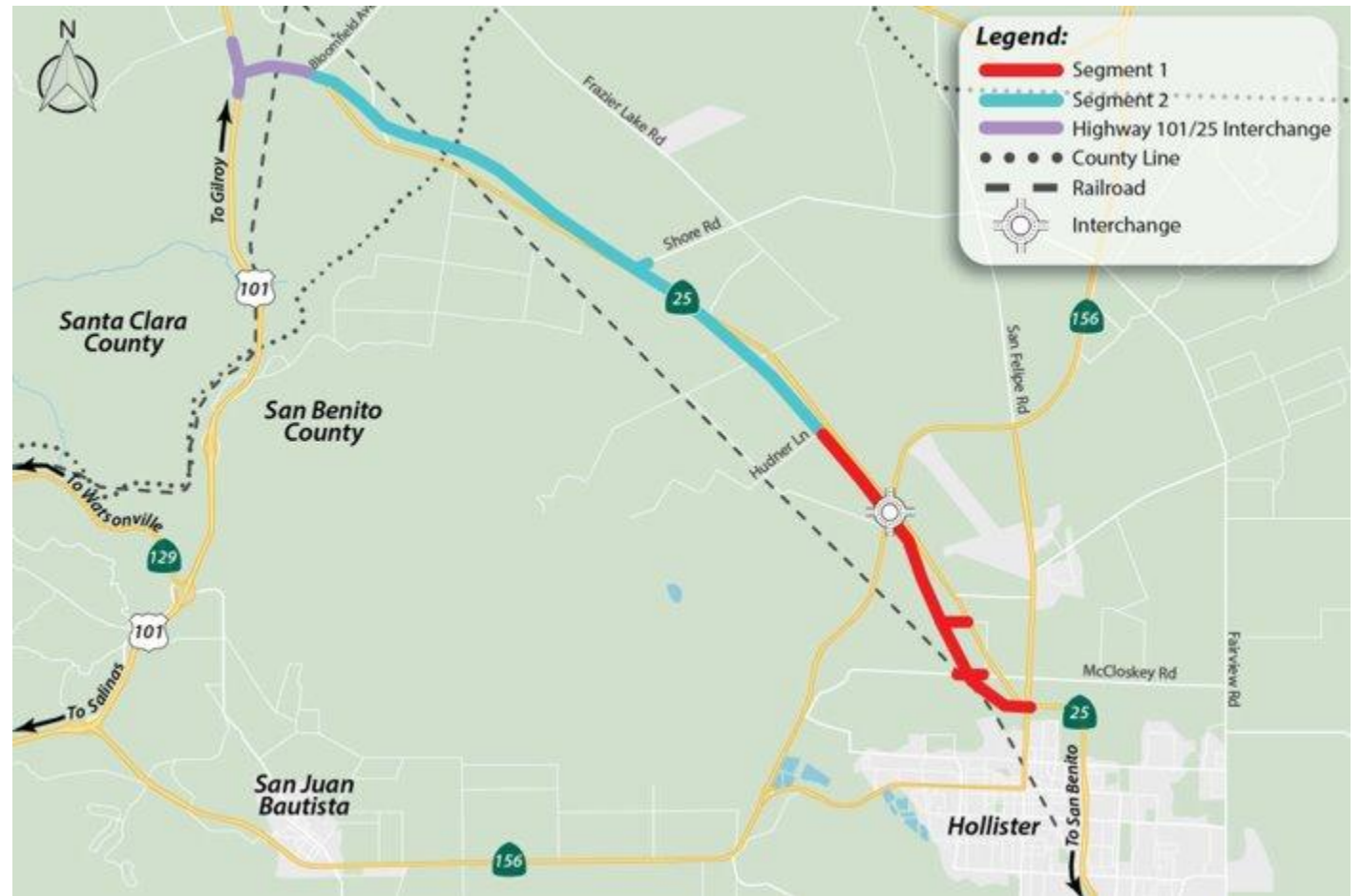
Tier 2 – Program Level Analysis

- Segment 1 – San Felipe Rd to Hudner Ln (Currently Programmed)

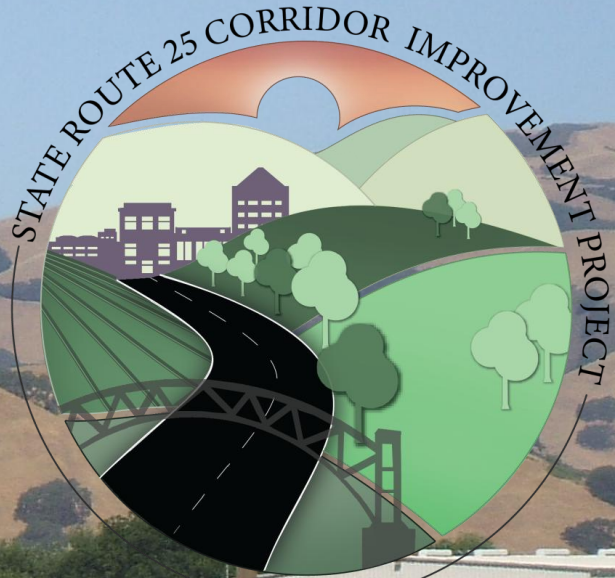


Proposed Project

- 6 Build Alternatives with variations
- Feasible alternatives to be studied in EIR/EA
- Notice of Preparation published in November 2024



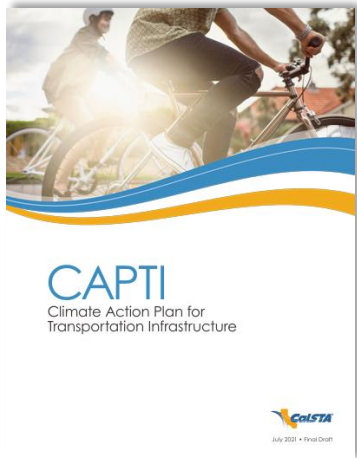
Funding Landscape



CEQA and CAPTI



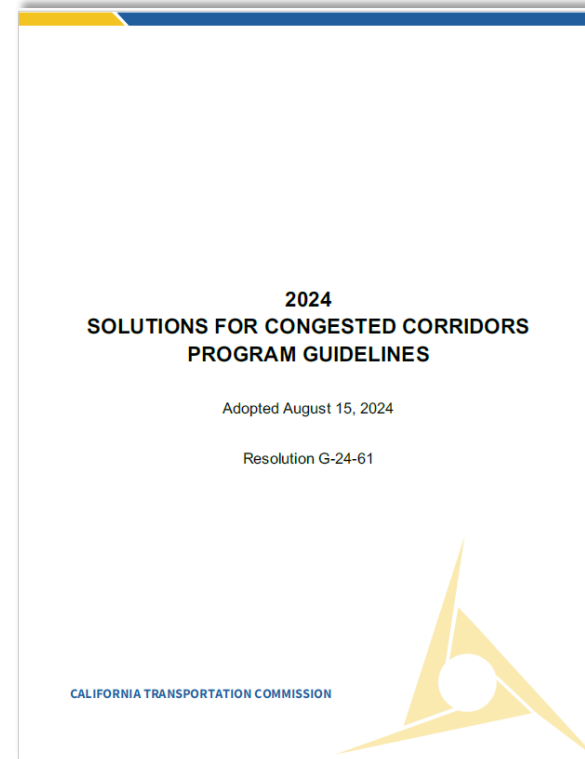
CEQA - SB 743 requires assessment of induced traffic measured in vehicle miles traveled (VMT).



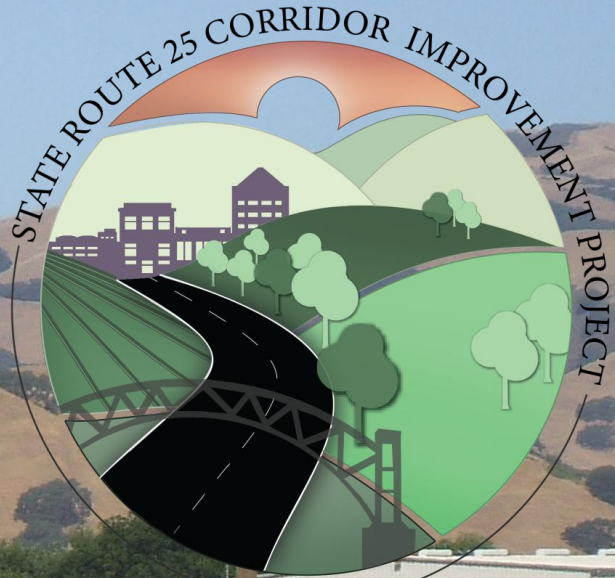
Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) (2021): targets at reducing greenhouse gas emissions in transportation.

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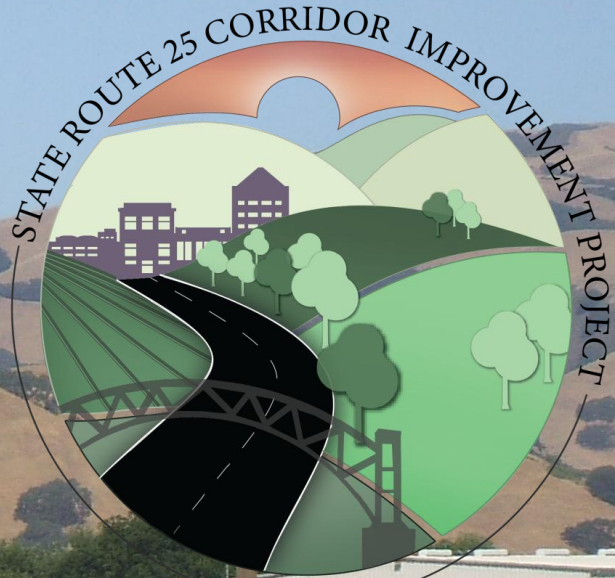
VMT reduction and CAPTI alignment, increases competitiveness in state funding programs.



Discussion



Next Steps



Steps to Project Completion



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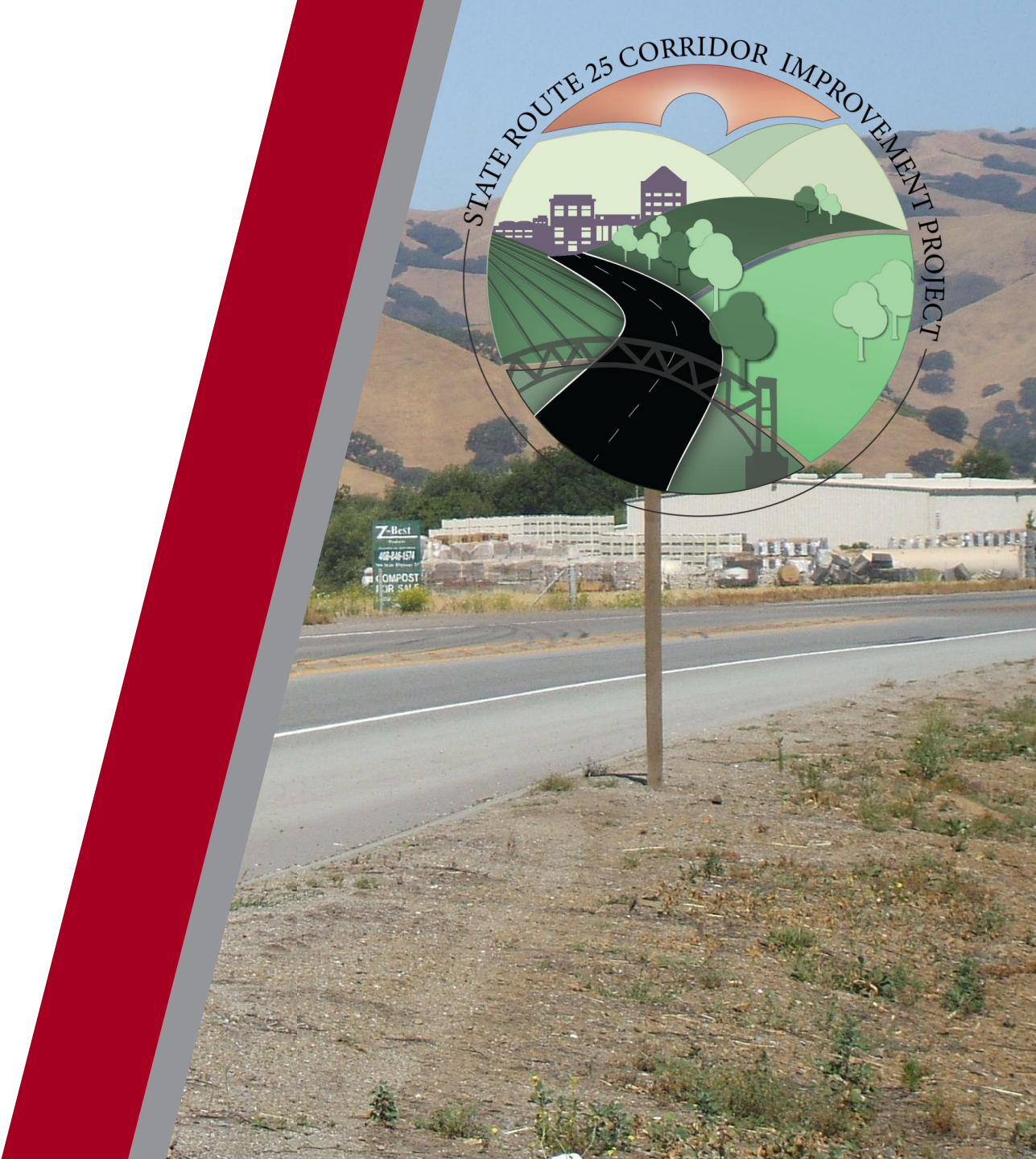
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Project Website – Scan QR Code

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/05-48541>



Wrap Up



Public Comment

