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U.S. 101 Widening Project

Overview

This project widens a 7.5-mile (12 km) section of U.S. 101, between Metcalf Road in San Jose and Cochrane Road in Morgan Hill, to three mixed-use lanes and one High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane in each direction. The new lanes were added in the existing median area.

Objective

To provide traffic congestion relief and improve driving safety by eliminating the four-lane bottleneck and expanding the highway to eight lanes.

Project Features

This 1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program project authorized the widening of U.S. 101 to six mixed-flow lanes. Based on community input and increased traffic, VTA and the County of Santa Clara authorized the addition of two HOV lanes. Adding these lanes helps complete nearly 40 miles of continuous carpool lanes stretching from Morgan Hill to Redwood City.

Operations

Caltrans operates and maintains the newly widened highway.

Capital Cost/ Project Funding

\$54.5 million: \$50.5 million from 1996 Measure B local sales tax funding and \$4 million from non-1996 Measure B funds. The widening of U.S. 101 is made possible in part by the State Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP).

The U.S. 101 widening was completed \$9 million under the baseline cost estimate.

Project Schedule

Construction started: August 2001
Southbound completed: March 2003, open to traffic nine months ahead of the baseline schedule.
Northbound completed: May 2003, open to traffic seven months ahead of the baseline schedule.

The widening of U.S. 101 between Metcalf Road and Bernal Road is included in the Route 85/ U.S. 101 (South) Interchange Project.

How to Reach Us

For more information on this project, please contact VTA Community Outreach (408) 321-7575, TDD for the hearing impaired (408) 321-2330. You may also visit us on the web at www.vta.org, or email us at community.outreach@vta.org.

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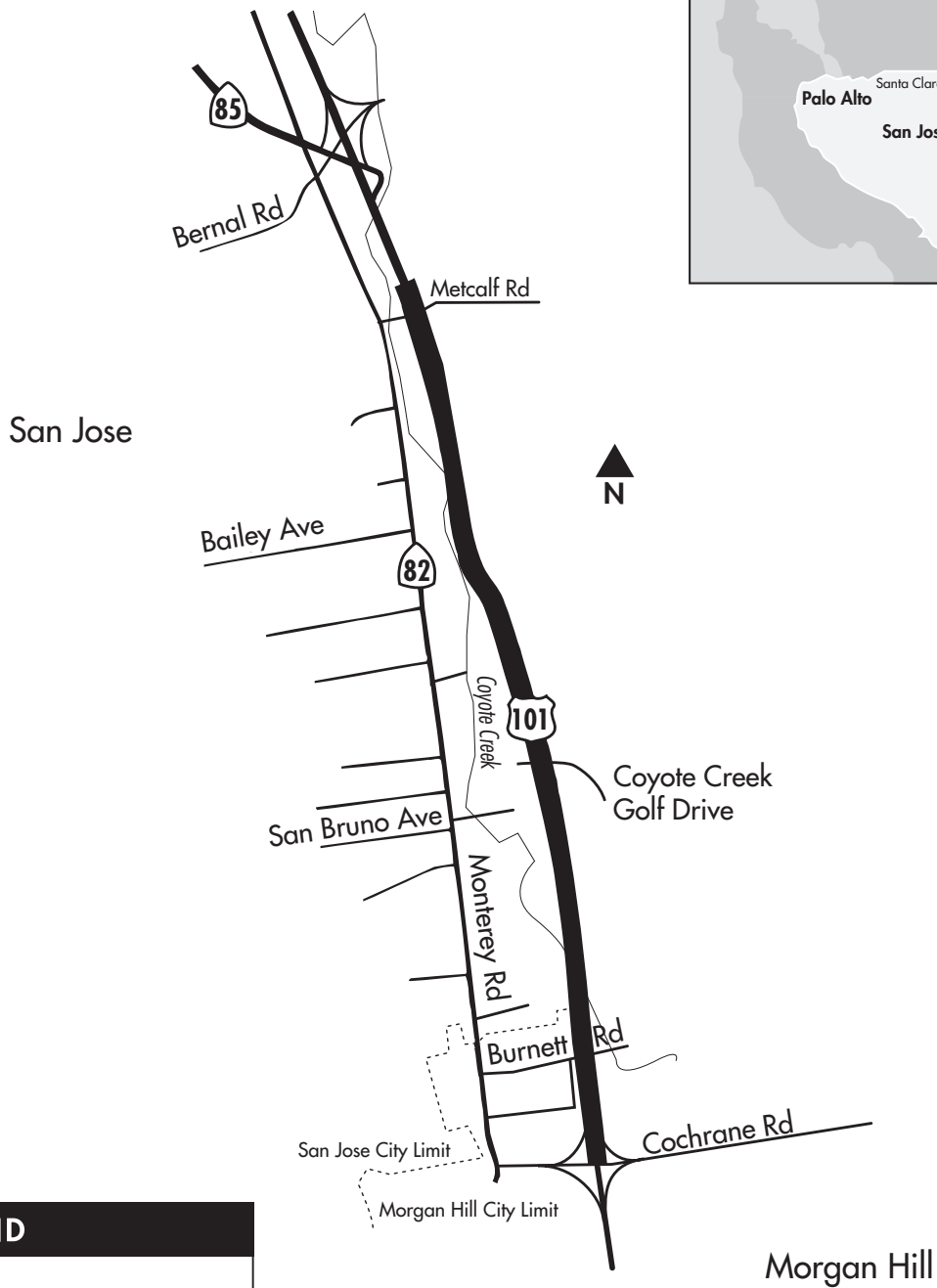
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