

# FACT SHEET: **Highways**

## **U.S. 101 Auxiliary Lanes Project**

### **Overview**

The project will construct auxiliary lanes and extend existing second high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes in each direction of a 3.2-mile segment of U.S. 101 between State Route 85 in Mountain View and Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto.

### **Objective**

The purpose of this project is to relieve existing and future traffic congestion along U.S. 101 between SR 85 in Mountain View and Embarcadero Road in Palo Alto, and to enhance safety along the U.S. 101 corridor in Santa Clara County by eliminating bottlenecks while providing additional capacity for vehicles to merge.

### **Project Features**

The proposed improvements would:

- Construct auxiliary lanes between on-ramps and off-ramps
- Extend existing second HOV lanes
- Widen and modify on-ramps and off-ramps at each interchange to improve efficiency of the auxiliary lanes
- Improve traffic operations on the freeway by providing more room for traffic entering and exiting the freeway at each interchange
- Allow traffic traveling from one interchange to the next interchange to use the freeway without impacting the main through lanes

### **Maintenance of Traffic Flow**

For the safety of the public and construction workers, traffic control measures (such as temporary lane closures and detours) will be used as needed. Contractors will be required to make every effort to maintain access and minimize disruptions. The public will be notified before traffic control measures are implemented.

### **Operations**

Upon completion, Caltrans will operate and maintain the highway improvements.

### **Capital Cost/Project Funding**

\$72 million: \$56 million from State's Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) Funds and \$16 million from VTA Local Program Reserve Funds.

### **Project Schedule**

2007-2009	Environmental Studies
2009-2011	Design and Engineering
Spring 2012	Begin Construction
Summer 2013	Complete Construction

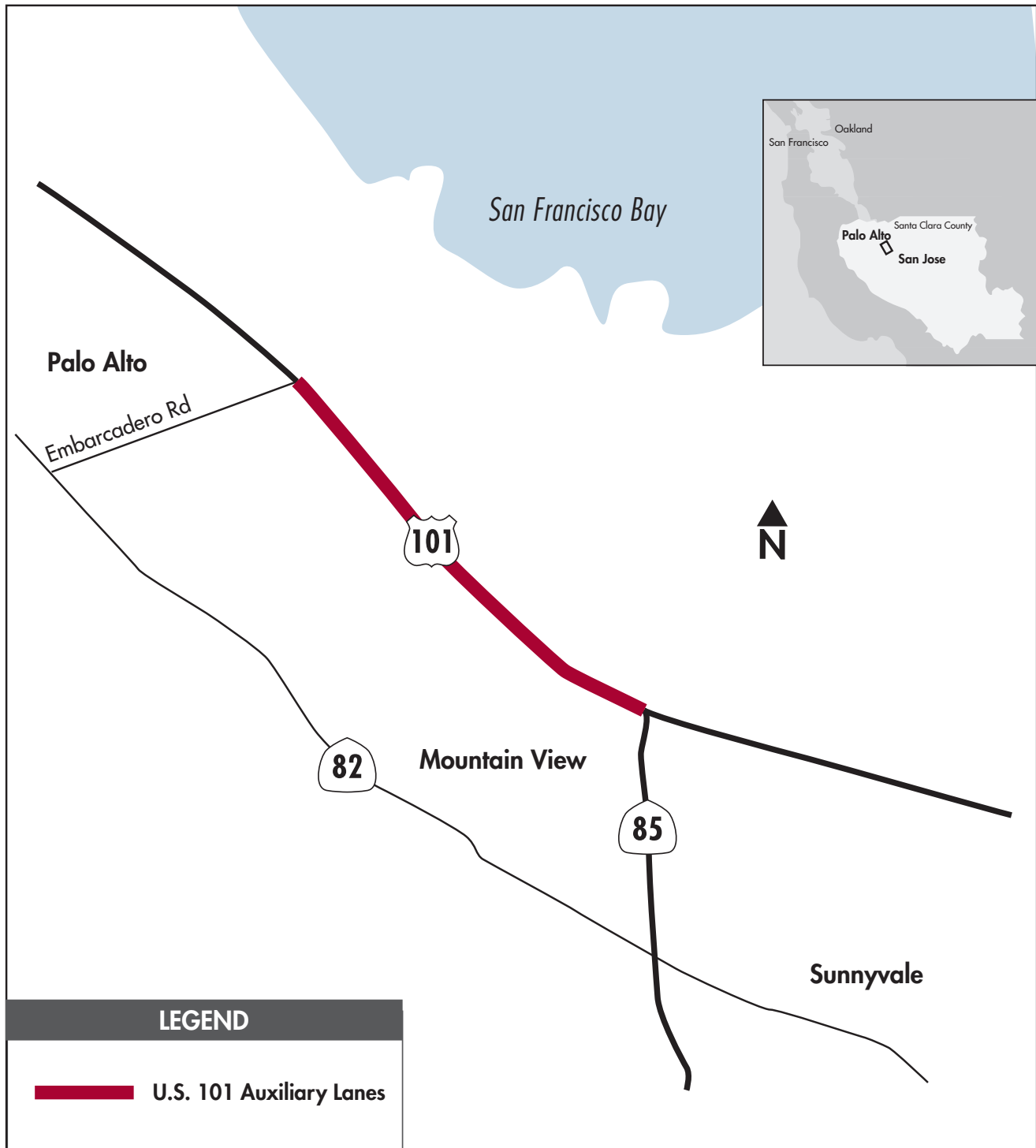
### **How to Reach Us**

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### **Project Funding Partners**



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