

FACT SHEET: **Highways**

State Route (SR) 152 Trade Corridor Project

Project Description

Santa Clara, San Benito, Merced and Madera counties have formed a Mobility Partnership to study the feasibility of a public-private partnership for the SR 152 Trade Corridor from SR 99 to U.S. 101. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), under the guidance of the Mobility Partnership and in coordination with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is leading the development of this project.

Objectives

The first phase of the study was the preparation of preliminary studies and stakeholder coordination which assessed the feasibility of the project. Current project efforts include:

- Technical Studies and Environmental Documentation
- Refinement of the Traffic and Revenue Studies
- Continued stakeholder outreach
- Securing additional funding

The study, requested by the California Transportation Commission (CTC), will evaluate highway improvements and financing strategies that could benefit the movement of goods throughout the corridor and mobility of commuters. The study also includes an evaluation of SR 152 realignment alternatives between U.S. 101 and SR 156 intended to enhance travel safety and improve travel times while upgrading to expressway standards.

Benefits

- A new four-lane freeway between SR 156 and US 101, curve corrections and access control improvements will improve safety
- A savings of 5 million vehicle-hours per year by 2035, resulting in annual user travel time savings of up to \$140 million
- The Los Banos Bypass improves safety by separating regional traffic from local, pedestrian and bicycle traffic and saves traveling time by avoiding the stop-and-go traffic through the downtown traffic signals
- The eastbound Pacheco Pass climbing lanes will improve travel times and safety by separating slower moving vehicles from traffic moving at freeway speeds
- The grade separations in the eastern segment will provide safer crossings for school buses and other local traffic.

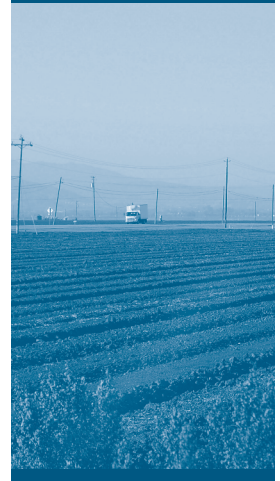
Project Funding

VTA received \$5 million of State funding from the Interregional Improvement Program (IIP) matched with \$5 million of VTA's highway funds.

Project Schedule

Completed Preliminary Traffic and Revenue Study	February 2010
Completed SR 152 Trade Corridor Summary Report	September 2010
Complete Route 152 Realignment Project	Mid 2015 - Pending additional funding
Design and Construction	Pending funding

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