



## FACT SHEET: Highways

### US 101/SR 25 Interchange - Phase 1

#### **Overview**

The existing US 101/SR 25 interchange, located just south of Gilroy in Santa Clara County, is over thirty years old. It cannot accommodate traffic demands due to rapid growth in commuter, commercial, and recreational traffic that passes through this area. These conditions, coupled with high travel speeds, have resulted in higher-than-average accident rates in the interchange area, and traffic backups onto southbound US 101.

This Phase 1 project sets the stage for a future implementation of the overall interchange reconfiguration slightly north of the current interchange. Phase 1 will accommodate future improvements to US 101, SR 25, SR 152, and provide a connection point at the interchange for a future Santa Teresa Boulevard extension to Castro Valley Road.

#### **Objectives**

- Improve connectivity between US 101 and SR 25
- Improve traffic operations along US 101 and SR 25 with added ramp storage and signals
- Enhance safety within the interchange area by reducing ramp backups onto southbound US 101 and provide improved access for safer merges
- Support the overall future interchange reconfiguration, including US 101 and SR 25 widening, and future
- SR 152 improvements between US 101 and SR 156

#### **Project Features**

Phase 1 will reconstruct the US 101/SR 25 interchange slightly north of the current interchange.

- Replace the SR 25 two-lane overcrossing with a four-lane overcrossing spanning across US 101
- Increase the length of the southbound US 101 off-ramp to SR 25 to decrease traffic back-ups onto US 101
- Upgrade the northbound US 101 ramps to improve exit and merging operations
- Install new traffic signals at the ramp intersections to improve traffic flow

As additional funding becomes available, future phases of interchange improvements will be scheduled. These future upgrades include converting the interchange to a partial cloverleaf or diamond ramp configuration with potential direct connectors, frontage roads for local and bicycle access, and grade separating SR 25 from the Union Pacific Railroad east of US 101.

The overall project is included in the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 Highway Program.

#### **Funding**

The total cost for Phase 1 is estimated to be approximately \$100 million for design, environmental updates, right-of-way property acquisitions, and construction. The project will be funded with a combination of VTA 2016 Measure B funds, State SB-1 funds, and local funds.

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#### **Project Partners**









# **US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvement Project** To Gilroy **PROJECT LOCATION** Castro Valley Rd Bolsa Rd 101 Rappazini Winery 25 Union Pacific Railroad Tracks 101

#### **Schedule**

Design: Fall 2019 – Winter 2022
Environmental Update: Fall 2019 - Summer 2021
Construction: Spring 2023 – Summer 2025

#### **How to Reach Us**

For more information on this project, please call VTA's Community Outreach at (408) 321-7575, (TTY) 408 321-2330, or *community.outreach@vta.org*. The project website is *www.vta.org/sr25*.

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