



## News Release

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### **Transportation Agency Awarded Over \$28 Million in State Funds**

The Transportation Agency for Monterey County was awarded over \$28,325,000 in state Trade Corridor Improvement Funds for the construction of a new Interchange at US 101—San Juan Road at the Red Barn. The San Juan Road area is known by many in this County as a choke point for interregional travel along US 101. This area has a high crash history and very high traffic volumes, over 61,000 a day as well as a high percentage of truck traffic (21%), over 12,600 trucks per day on US 101.

Improvements to this area include removing three at-grade intersections (Dunbarton Road, San Juan Road, and Cole Road) and constructing one interchange near the Red Barn. The new interchange will help improve safety by eliminating left turn conflicts and reduces congestion along this heavily traveled stretch of US 101. Completion of this project is scheduled for 2015.

The Trade Corridor Improvement Funds are made available for infrastructure improvements along corridors that have a high volume of freight movement. These funds were provided by Proposition 1B, infrastructure bond funds, approved by California voters on November 7, 2006.

As the "World's Salad Bowl", the Salinas Valley generated over \$3.5 billion in value in 2006—making Monterey County the third most productive agricultural county in California and causing a great number of trucks to travel on US 101 to and from the Salinas Valley.

Although \$28 Million was secured by the Transportation Agency for this project there is still a great deal of funding needed to complete this \$90.6 Million project. A local match of \$28 Million is needed to secure this funding, most of which is slated to come from a transportation sales tax of ½%, which is planned for the November 2008 ballot. This project is a perfect example of how local funding, such as a sales tax and regional traffic impact fees, will assist in securing millions of dollars in matching safety, congestion, and transit funds.

For more information on this project visit the Transportation Agency for Monterey County website at [www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org).



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