



# US 101 South of Salinas Project Updates

TAMC Board Meeting  
April 22, 2026



# Agenda – Overview of Projects

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- **South of Salinas Access Management project, “safety project”** (*short term*)
- **US 101 South of Salinas Corridor Improvement project EA 05-0H330** (*long term*)



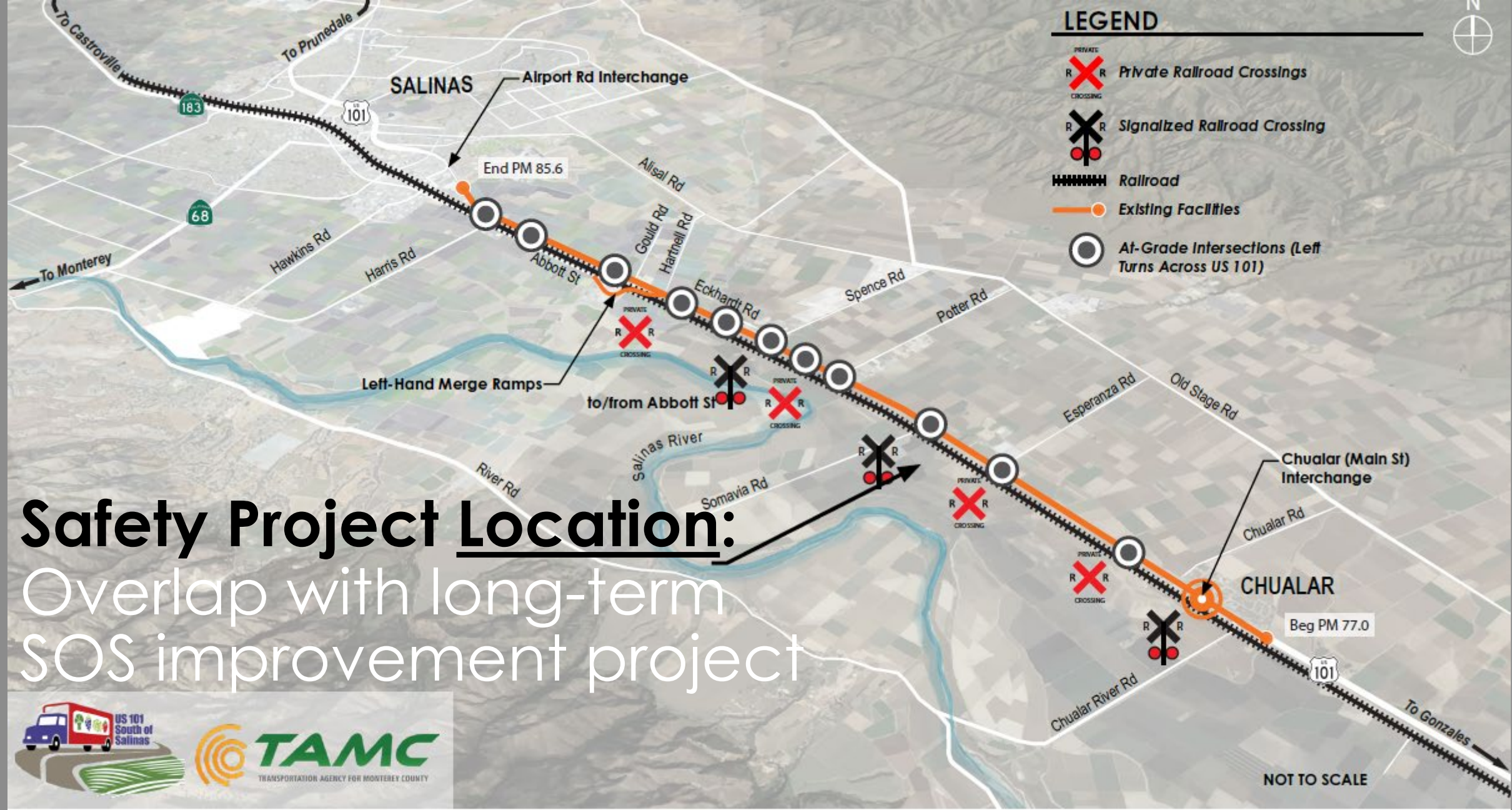
# Safety Project: Left turns and U-Turns

# Safety Project Location:

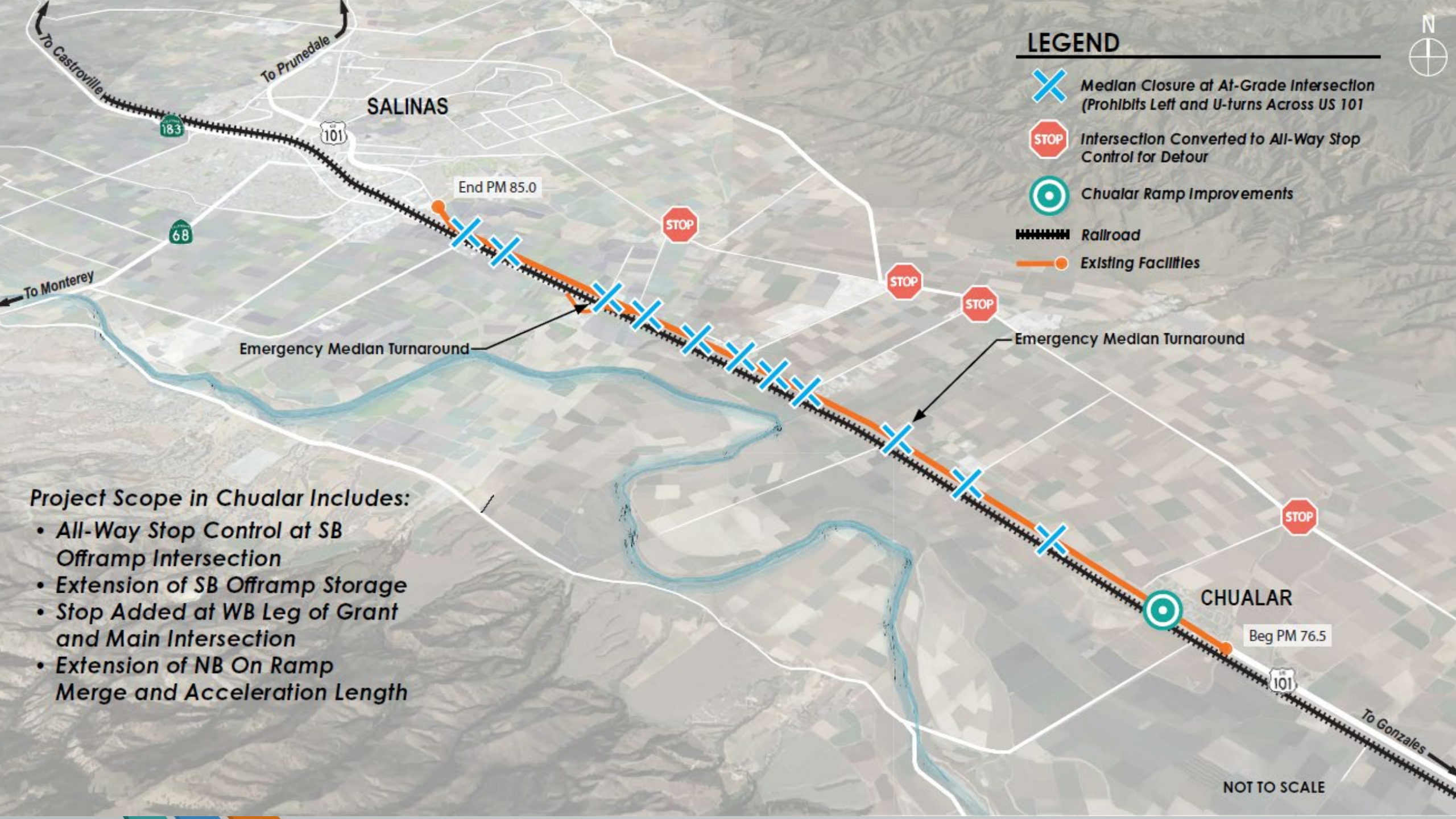
Overlap with long-term SOS improvement project

### LEGEND






- Private Railroad Crossings
- Signalized Railroad Crossing
- Railroad
- Existing Facilities
- At-Grade Intersections (Left Turns Across US 101)



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### LEGEND

-  Median Closure at At-Grade Intersection (Prohibits Left and U-turns Across US 101)
-  Intersection Converted to All-Way Stop Control for Detour
-  Chualar Ramp Improvements
-  Railroad
-  Existing Facilities



### Project Scope in Chualar Includes:

- All-Way Stop Control at SB Offramp Intersection
- Extension of SB Offramp Storage
- Stop Added at WB Leg of Grant and Main Intersection
- Extension of NB On Ramp Merge and Acceleration Length

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# Safety Project Details

Median  
barrier  
example:

left turns  
eliminated



# Safety Project Details

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Emergency  
opening  
example




# Safety Project Schedule Update


<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
CTC Approves Safety Project (completed)	January 2025
Design (underway)	February 2025-July 2026
Construction Contract Award	October 2026
Approximate Construction Start*	November 2026-January 2027
End Construction	Summer-Fall 2027
<i>Anticipated start of phased construction for long-term corridor improvement project</i>	<i>Mid-2031</i>

\*Full median closure targeted to occur before **March 1, 2027**.  
Exact date to be determined by contractor.

# Safety Project Public Information

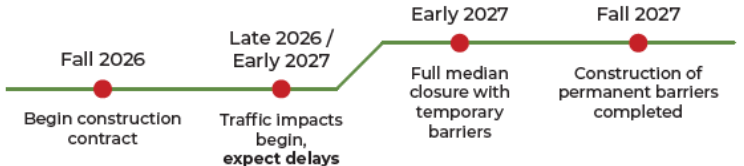
## SOUTH of SALINAS ACCESS MANAGEMENT PROJECT






### Project Details

Full median closure south of Salinas on Highway 101 at all intersections between Salinas and Chualar anticipated for February/March 2027, including detour implementation on Alisal and Old Stage Road.



**Timeline:**

- Fall 2026: Begin construction contract
- Late 2026 / Early 2027: Traffic impacts begin, expect delays
- Early 2027: Full median closure with temporary barriers
- Fall 2027: Construction of permanent barriers completed



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## PROYECTO DE GESTIÓN DE ACCESOS AL SUR DE SALINAS





### Detalles del Proyecto

Se prevé el cierre total del separador al sur de Salinas, en la autopista 101, en todas las intersecciones entre Salinas y Chualar para febrero o marzo de 2027, lo que incluye la implementación de desvíos en Alisal Road y Old Stage Road.



**Timeline:**

- Otoño 2026: Inicio del contrato de construcción
- Finales de 2026 / Principios de 2027: Comienzo de impacto al tráfico; se esperan retrasos
- Principios de 2027: Cierre total del separador con barreras temporales
- Otoño 2027: Finalizada la construcción de barreras permanentes



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\* Caltrans will begin sending updates on the coming closure through social media and to interested parties who have signed up for our email list

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# Update: South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project (Long-term)

- Currently in environmental review phase
  - Anticipated circulation of Draft Environmental Document (ED): early 2027
  - Anticipated release of Final ED: late 2027
- Pursuing initial funding request: Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (“TCEP”)
- Pursuing innovative delivery approach: Construction Manager/General Contractor (“CMGC”)



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Trade Corridor Enhancement Program  
("TCEP")

- Application submittal in November 2026
- Award decisions will be made June 2027



# Update: South of Salinas Corridor Improvement Project (Long-term)

## Construction Manager/General Contractor (“CMGC”)

- Benefits: Early collaboration to identify/address risks, optimize construction staging/traffic management, coordinate community messaging and develop cost saving innovations
- Caltrans HQ has approved CMGC nomination
- Contractor procurement underway, to be completed in January 2027



# What's Next?

## Safety Project messaging

Starting in mid-2026 and continuing into early 2027

## Draft environmental document circulation meeting

Early 2027, exact dates will be posted on project websites:

<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/highway-101-south-of-salinas>

<https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-5/district-5-current-projects/05-1s590>



# Thank you

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## US 101 - SOUTH OF SALINAS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (LONG TERM)

Alternative 1 - A6 Interchange, C2 Interchange, & E1 Segment at Spence Rd

Uses 10 ft of Caltrans Right of Way

October 17, 2025  
Prepared by Caltrans District 5



## US 101 - SOUTH OF SALINAS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (LONG TERM)

Alternative 2 - A4 Interchange, C2 Interchange, & E1 Segment at Spence Rd

Uses 10 ft of Caltrans Right of Way

October 17, 2025  
Prepared by Caltrans District 5



## US 101 - SOUTH OF SALINAS CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (LONG TERM)

Alternative 3 - A6 Interchange, C2 Interchange, & E2 Segment at Spence Rd

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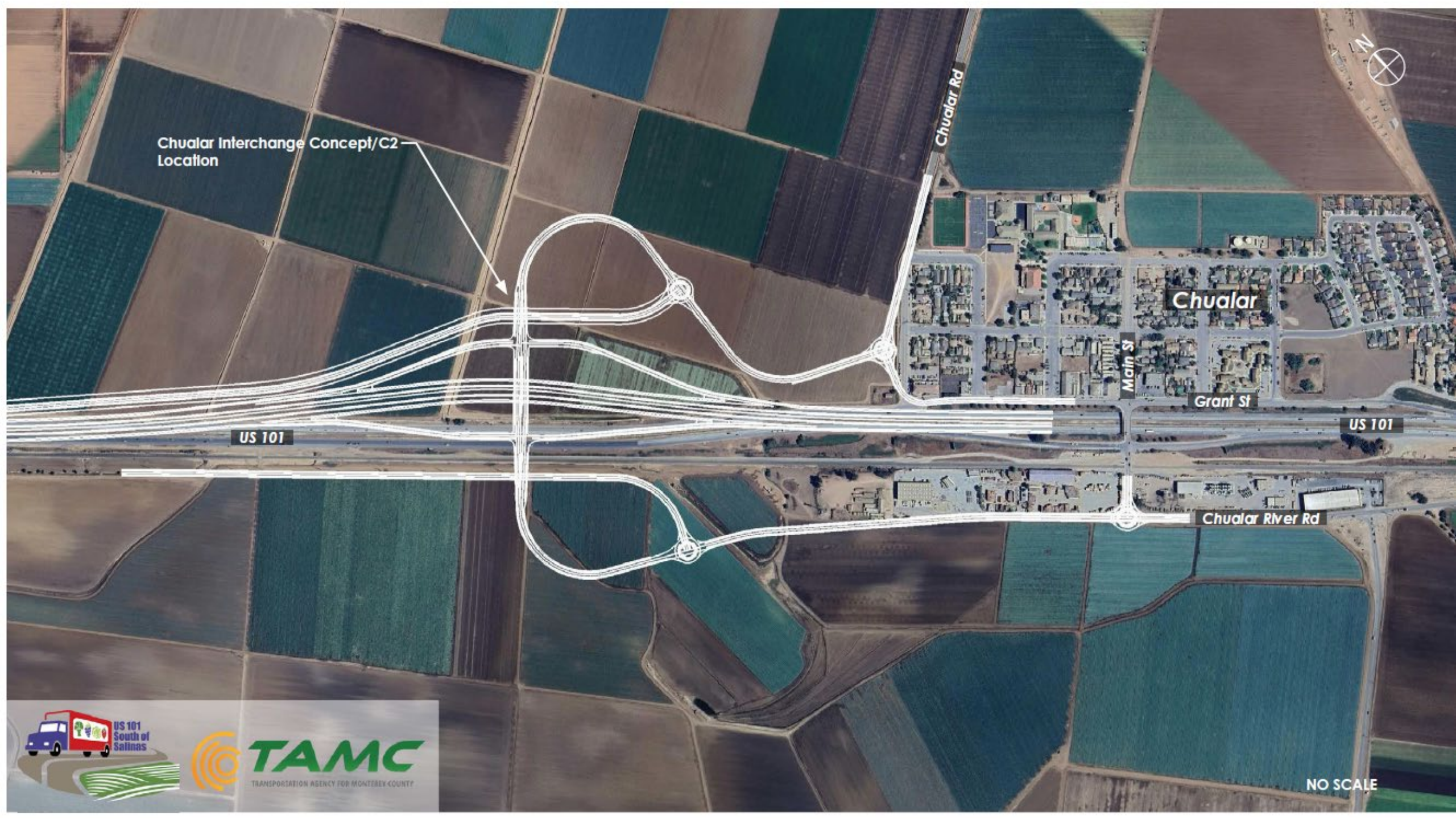
Alternative 4 - A4 Interchange, C2 Interchange, & E2 Segment at Spence Rd

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Chualar Interchange Concept/C2  
Location



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C2 location – Chualar IC





Roy Diaz St

US 101

Salinas

Abbott St

US 101

Abbott St

Harrell Rd

Abbott Interchange Concept/A4 Location

Abbott Interchange Concept/A6 Location

New Amazon Warehouse

Harris Rd



NO SCALE

Northbound Facing Sallnas



A6 location – Abbott IC