



US 101 South of Salinas Project Updates

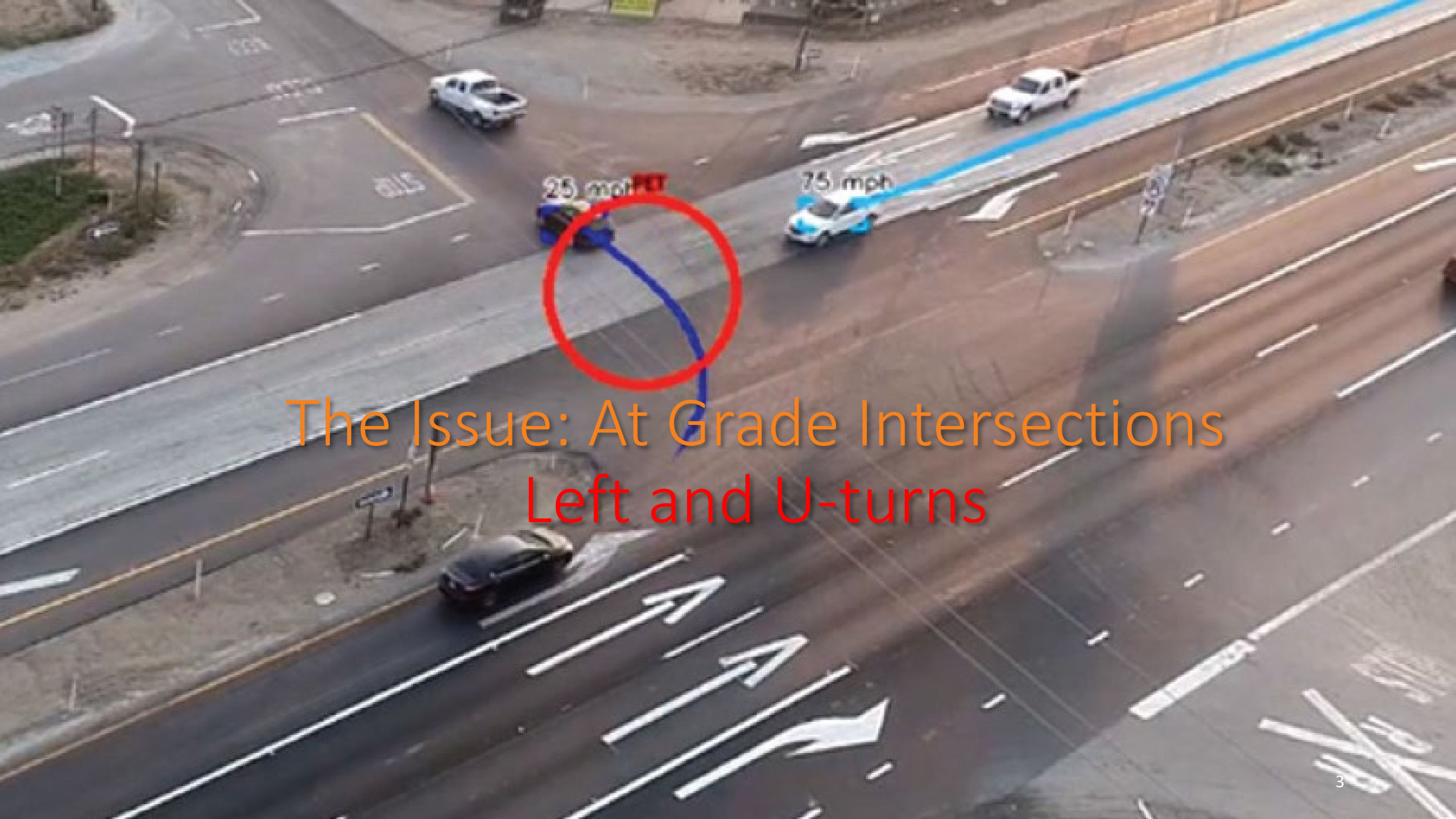
Measure X Oversight Committee Meeting
October 20, 2026



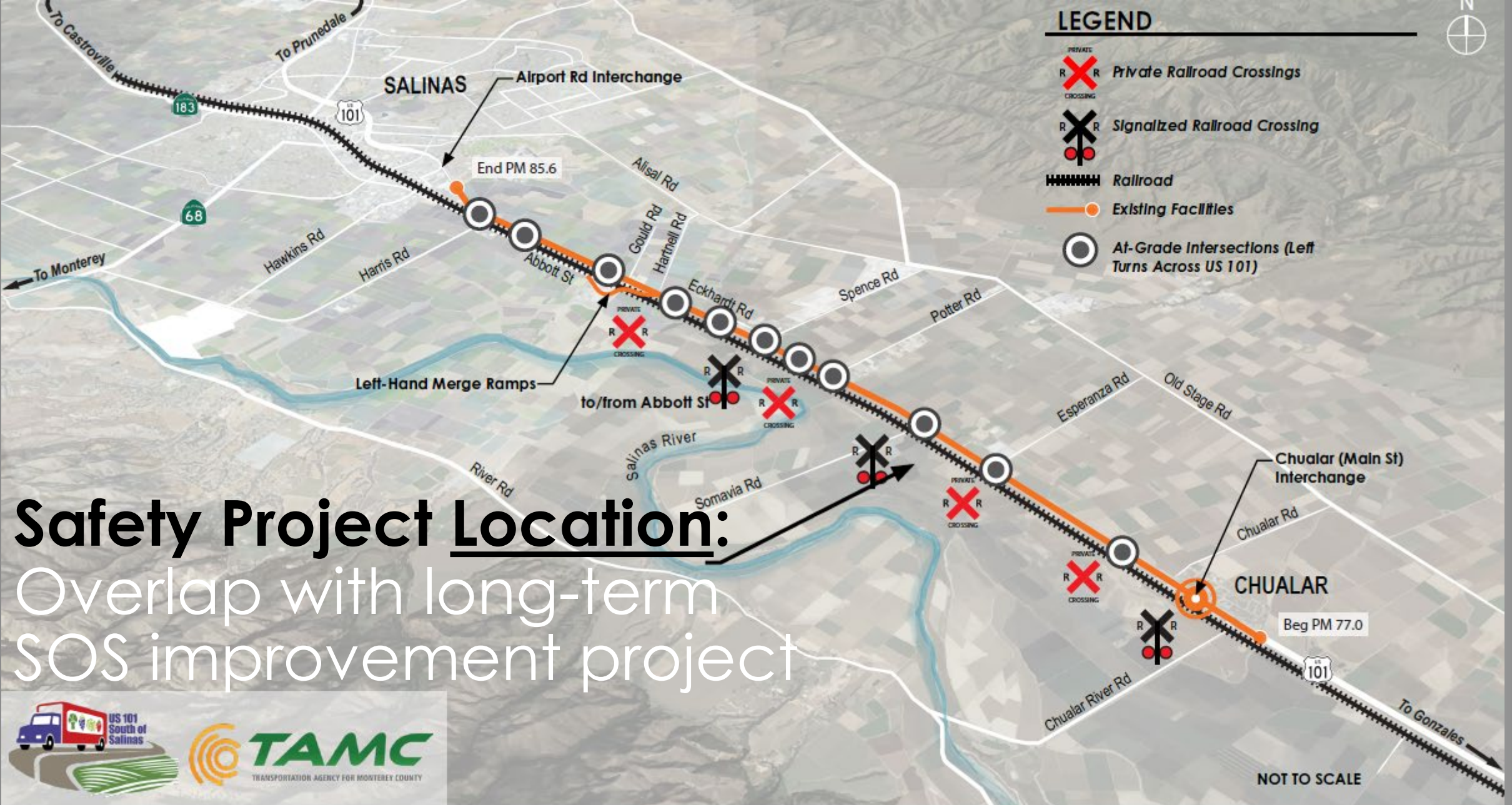


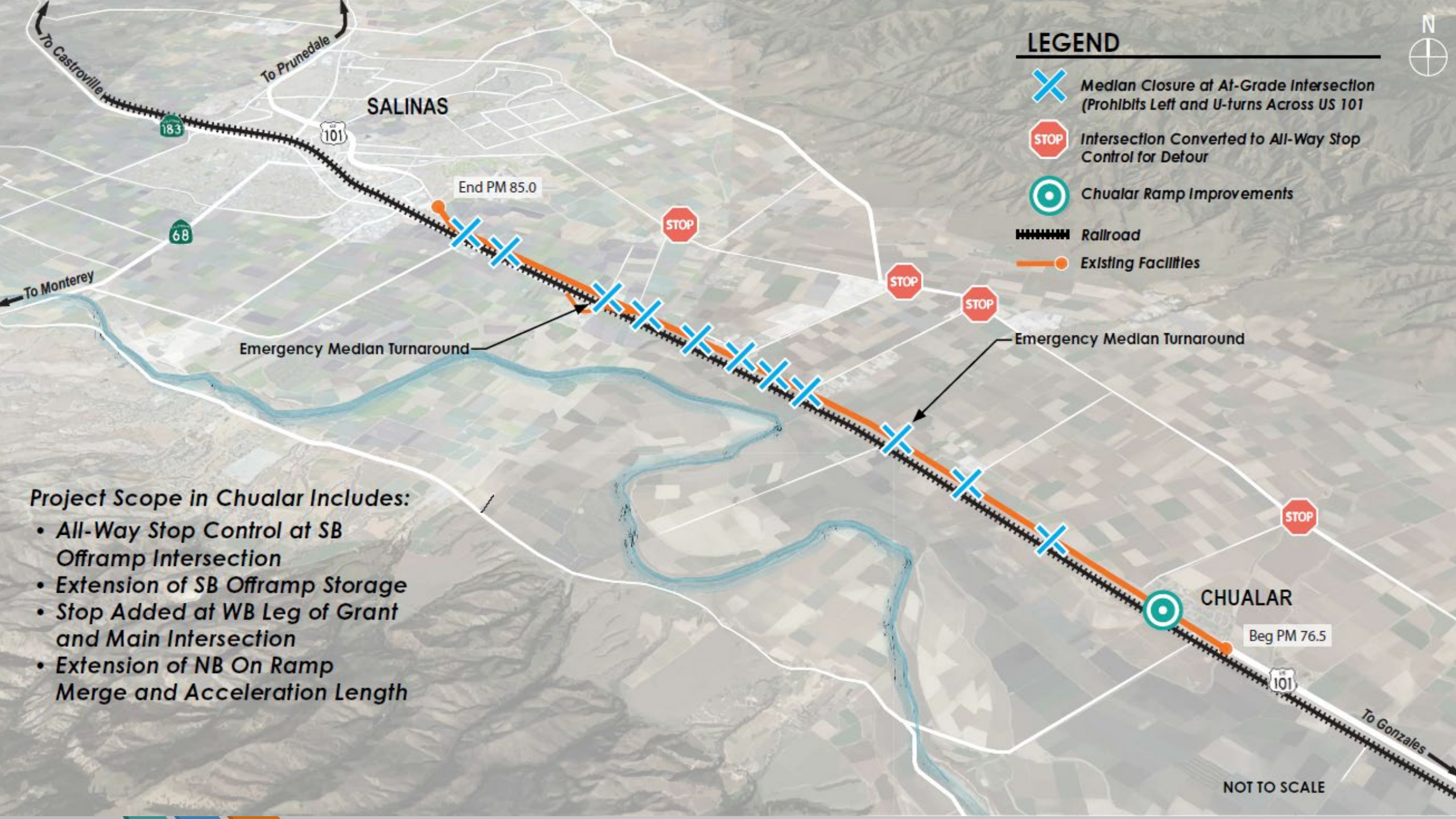
Agenda – Overview of Projects

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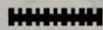


The Issue: At Grade Intersections
Left and U-turns





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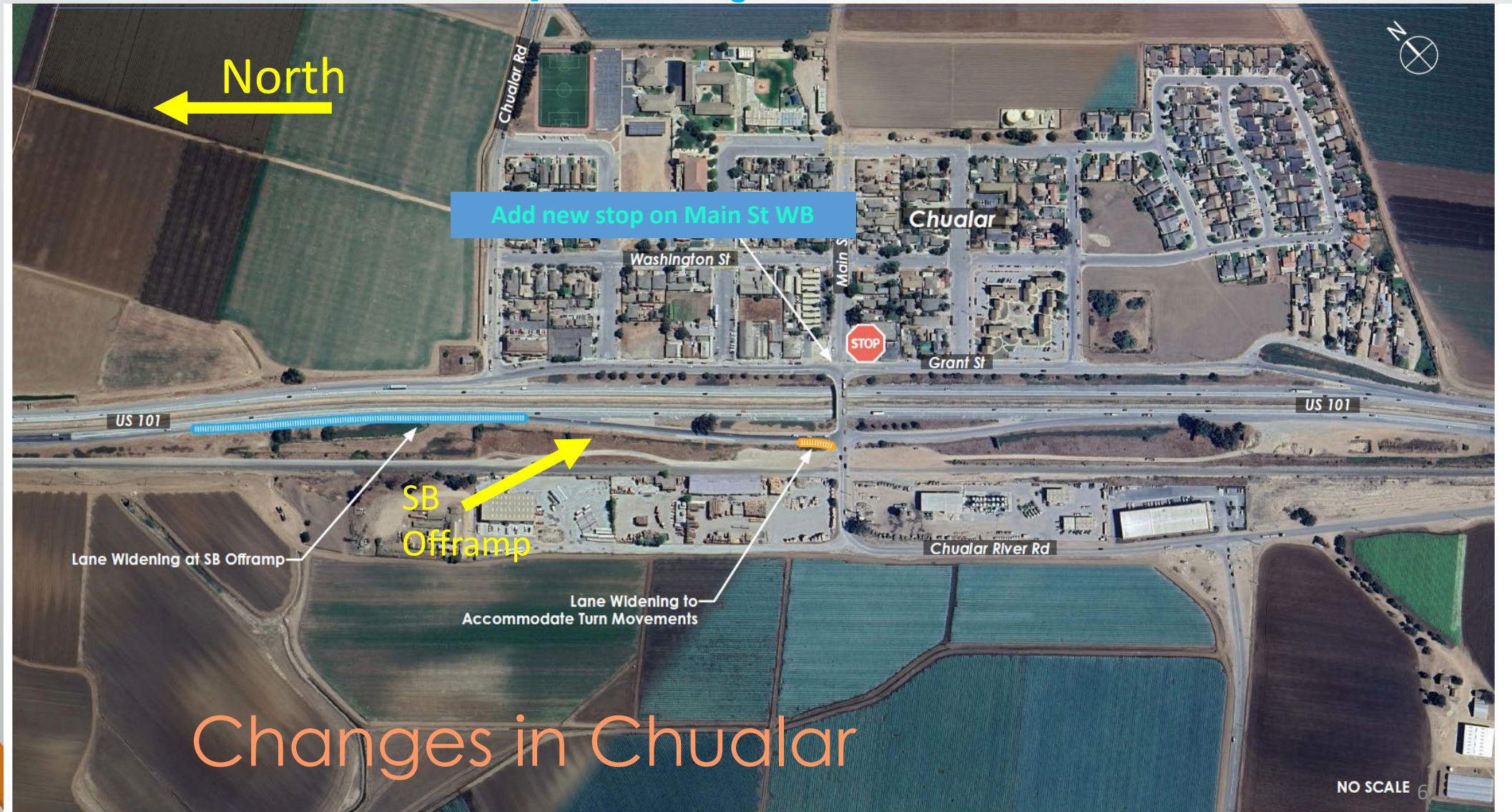
-  Median Closure at At-Grade Intersection (Prohibits Left and U-turns Across US 101)
-  Intersection Converted to All-Way Stop Control for Detour
-  Chualar Ramp Improvements
-  Railroad
-  Existing Facilities

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



Safety Project Schedule Update

Milestone	Date
CTC Approves Safety Project (completed)	January 2025
Design (underway)	February 2025-July 2026
Construction Contract Award – Graniterock	October 2026
Construction Start*	November 2026
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 tentatively targeted to occur December 2026-January 2027. Final schedule is currently being developed by contractor.

Safety Project Public Information

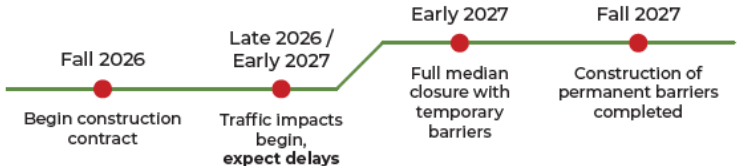
SOUTH of SALINAS ACCESS MANAGEMENT PROJECT



More Information to Come

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



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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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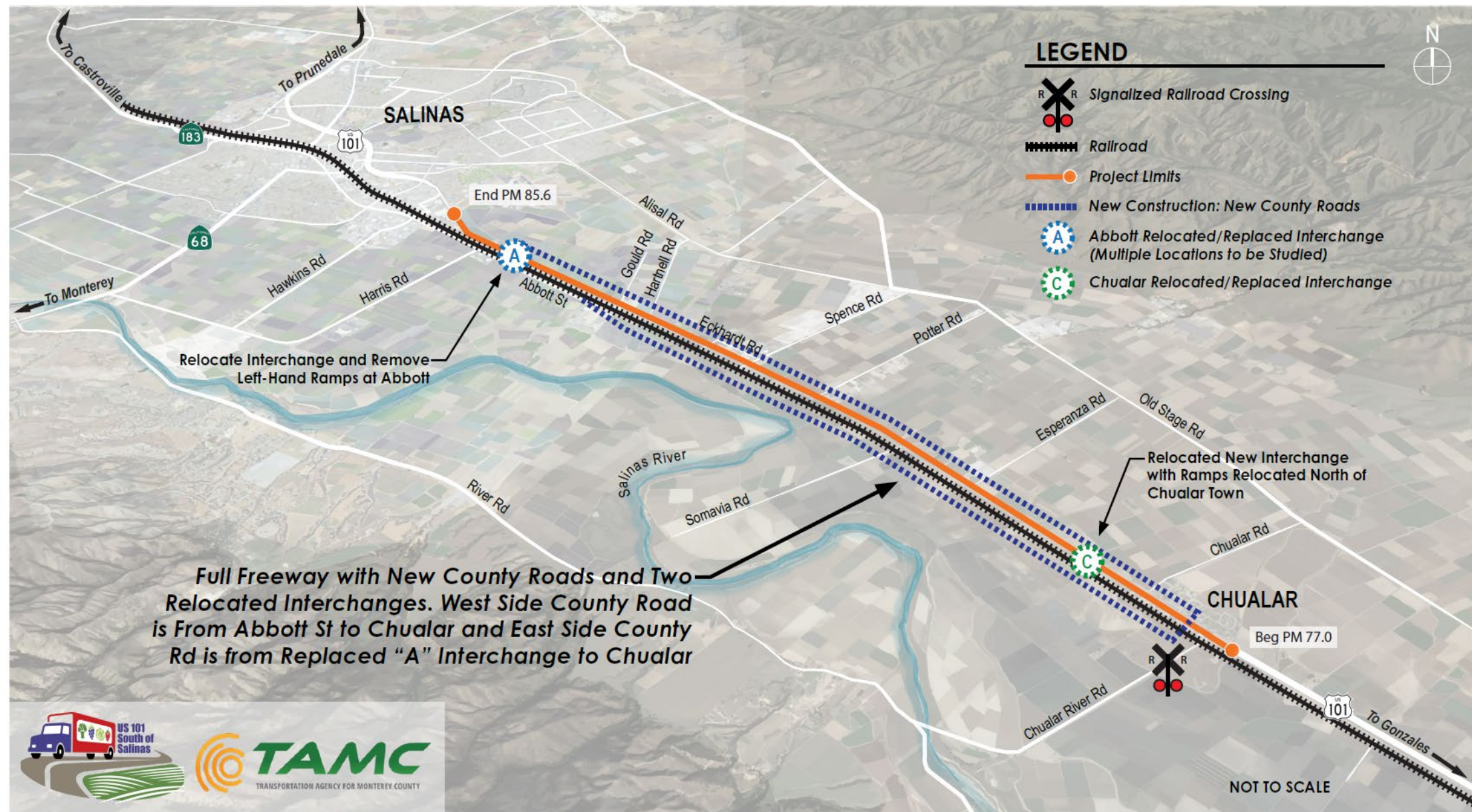
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*Caltrans is sending monthly email updates on the coming closure to interested parties who have signed up for our email list and messaging monthly through social media.

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

General Diagram of Freeway Condition to be Studied in EIR Alternatives

Prepared by District 5 Landscape Architecture



Chualar Interchange reconfigured



Roy Diaz St

US 101

Salinas

Abbott St

US 101

Abbott St

Harthell Rd

Harris Rd

Abbott Interchange Concept/A4 Location

Abbott Interchange Concept/A6 Location

New Amazon Warehouse



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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): **Spring 2027**
 - Anticipated release of Final ED: **Fall 2027**
- Pursuing funding: Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (“TCEP”)
- Pursuing innovative delivery: Construction Manager/General Contractor (“CMGC”)



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

Pursuing initial funding request: Senate Bill 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (“TCEP”), Cycle 5

- 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
- CMGC interviews for short-list applicants completed in mid-October
- Contractor procurement underway, to be completed in January 2027

What's Next?

Safety Project messaging

Started in April 2026 and will continue into early 2027

Draft environmental document circulation meeting

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

<https://engage.dot.ca.gov/05-0h330>

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





Thank you

