

North Monterey County Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment

Bike and Pedestrian Committee

May 6, 2026

Credit: Pathways Climate Inst



Agenda

1. Project Overview
2. Public Outreach Summary
3. Hazards
4. Exposure & Vulnerability Assessment
5. Hazard Viewer
6. Prioritization
7. Applications and Next Steps

Project Overview

Regional Transportation Vulnerability Assessment (RTVA)



Identified vulnerable transportation infrastructure to climate hazards



Assessed impacts to low-income and disadvantaged communities and sensitive habitats



Created a project prioritization list for adaptation strategies



Engaged with our TAC, Focus Group, and the public.

Project Outcomes



- ✓ Help TAMC understand hazards of interest for every project
- ✓ Support future climate resiliency projects
- ✓ Benefit other agencies and asset-owners in the North Monterey County

Project Team



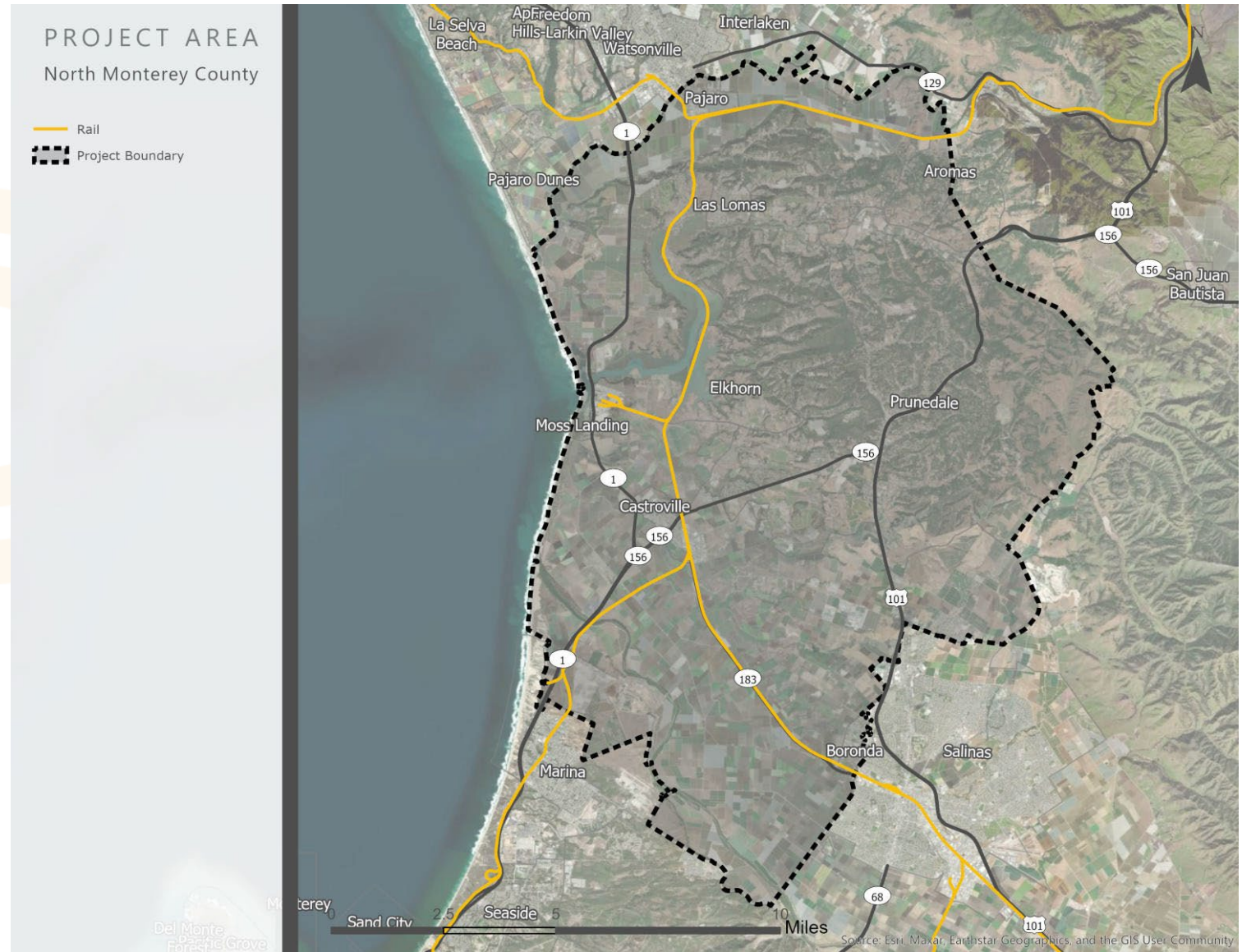
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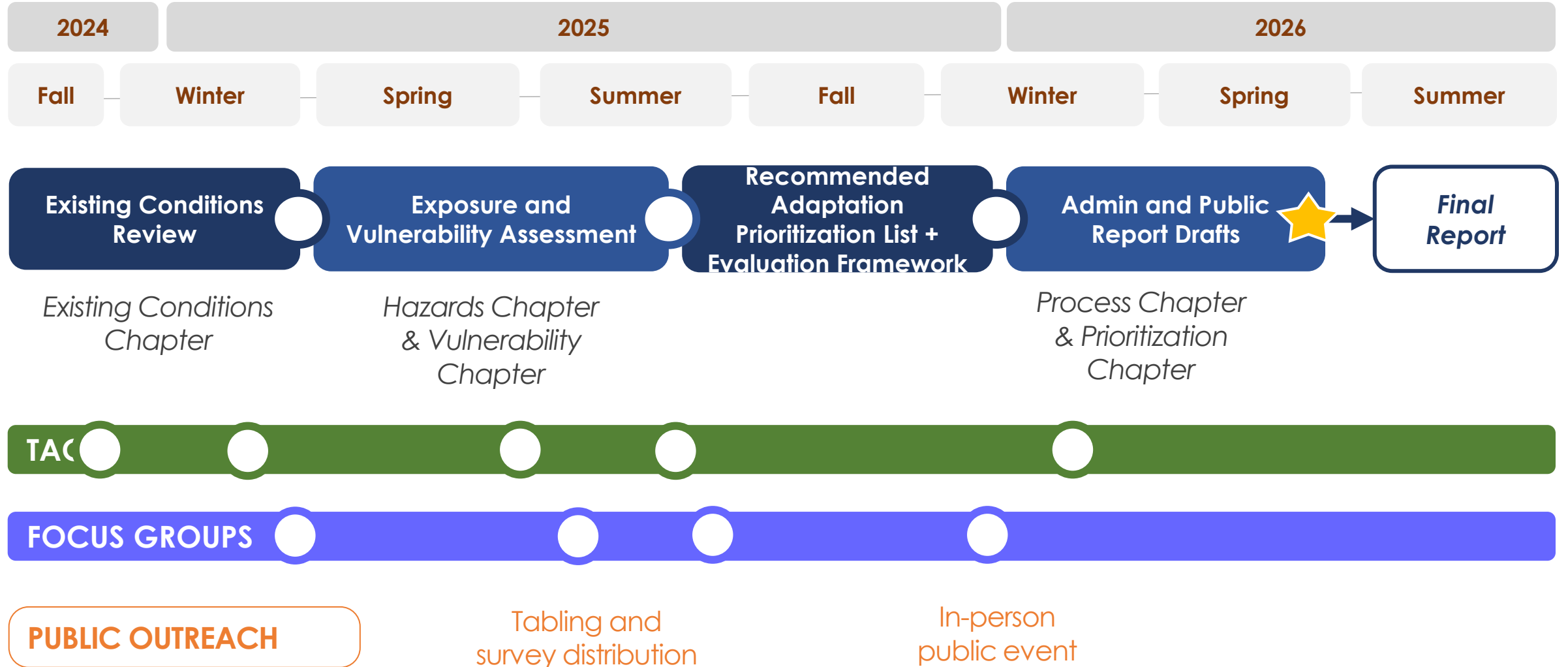
Focus
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Study Area

- Geography: Northern Monterey County
- Communities:
 - Moss Landing
 - Elkhorn
 - Pajaro
 - Castroville
 - Unincorporated coastal areas



Project Workflow and Timeline





Public Outreach Summary

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Vulnerability and Prioritization



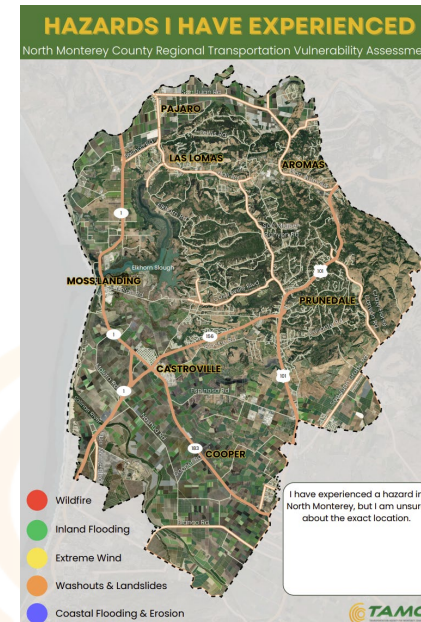
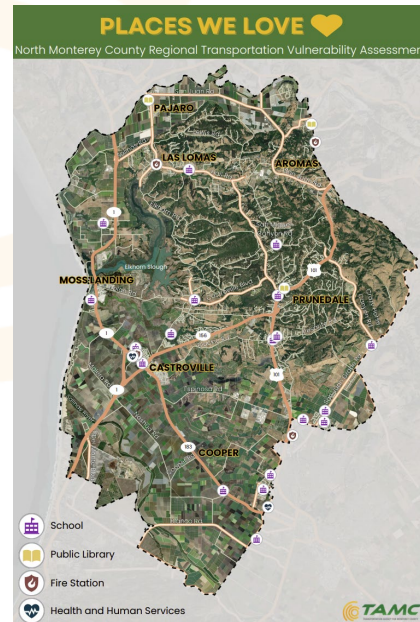
Vulnerability of transportation assets and roads

Relevance and impacts of transportation assets and roads to communities

Community informed recommended prioritization list

Public Outreach Summary

- In-person events at farmers markets
- Collaboration with CSU Monterey Bay students
- Focus Group meetings
- Presentations to local relevant projects and organizations
- [TAMC RTVA Survey](#)
- Community Open House



What We've Heard

- The winter / rainy season causes heavy flooding along
 - Blackie, Blanco, Dolan, Elkhorn, Hall, Strawberry and Werner Roads
- Unable to access destination / stranded during flood events
- Students are unable attend school due to flooded roadways
 - School buses turn around or arrive late
 - Unsafe driving conditions
 - Concerns over student safety
- Residents rely on communication with family / friends in other areas for road conditions

Community Open House

- Castroville Public Library
- Science fair layout
- In-language content
- Bilingual staff support (Regeneración Pajaro Valley Climate Action)
- Kids table, light snacks, and refreshments

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COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Learn about how climate hazards will continue to impact North Monterey County's roads and help us decide which roads to prioritize!



Photo: Kerstin Wasson/ESNER

December 4, 2025

5-7 PM

Castroville Library

What to expect: An informal, drop-in event where you can:

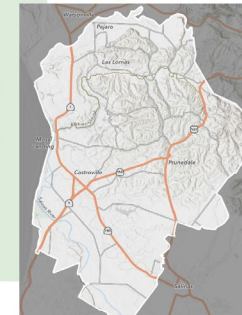
- Visit different information stations at your own pace (like a science fair)
- View maps showing vulnerable areas
- Talk with our team and ask questions
- Share your ideas and concerns
- Enjoy light refreshments!

Your input will shape future road investments in North Monterey County!

Learn more:

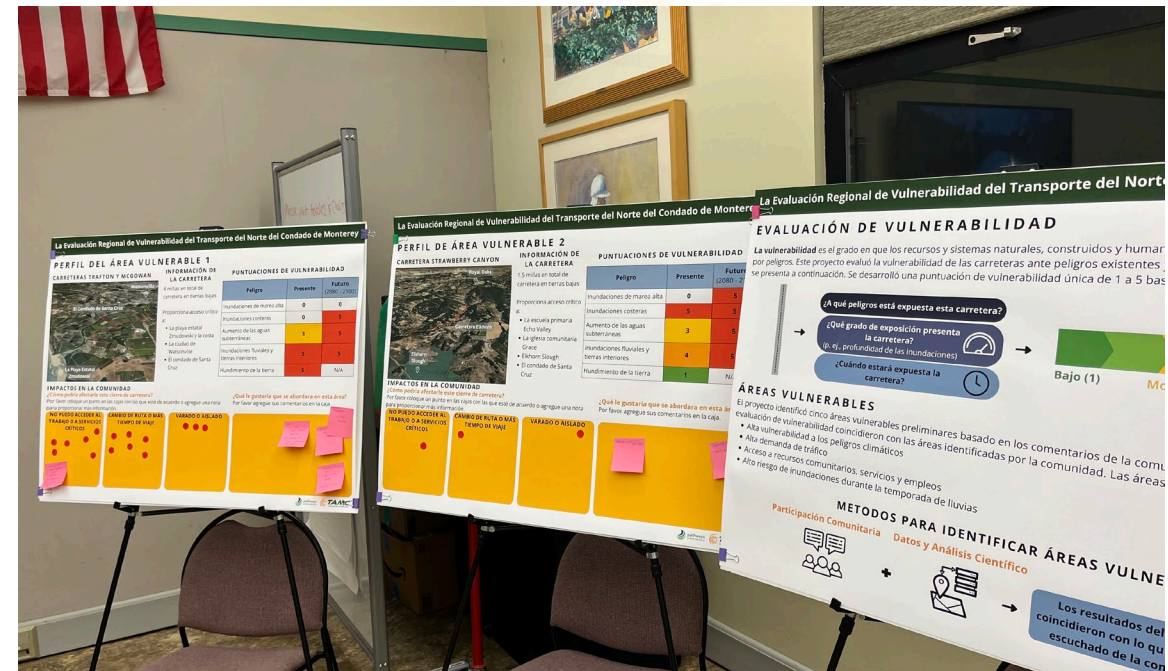
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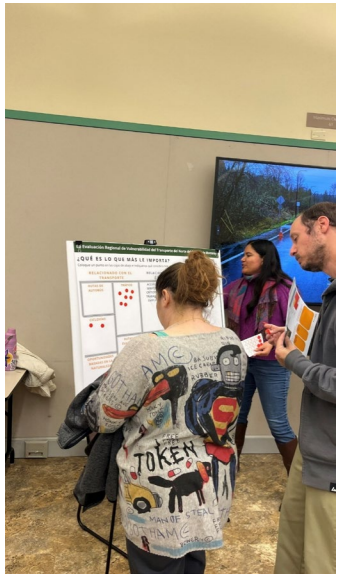
Project Area



Findings from Open House

- Validated vulnerable areas (5)
- Validated proposed prioritization metrics
- Obtained information on additional roads of concern
- Confirmed community interest
- Received recommendations for future outreach





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¿QUÉ ES LO QUE MÁS LE IMPORTA?

Coloque un punto en las cajas de abajo e indiquenos qué considera más importante.

RELACIONADO CON EL TRANSPORTE		RELACIONADO CON LA COMUNIDAD	
RUTAS DE AUTOBÚS	TRÁFICO	ACCESO A SERVICIOS CRÍTICOS O TRABAJOS Y EMPLEOS	SIRVE O ESTÁ CERCA DE UNA COMUNIDAD DESFAVORECIDA
CICLOVÍAS			
	RUTAS DE EVACUACIÓN	ACCESO A SENDEROS O ZONAS RECREATIVAS	
OPORTUNIDADES BASADAS EN LA NATURALEZA			

¿QUÉ OTRAS COSAS DEBERÍAMOS TENER EN CUENTA?

Escriba su respuesta en una nota adhesiva a continuación. ¡Agregue puntos si está de acuerdo con alguna nota adhesiva ya escrita!

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PERFIL DE ÁREA VULNERABLE 5

CARRERA BLANCO

INFORMACIÓN DE LA CARRERA

4 millas en total de carretera en tierras bajas

Proporciona acceso crítico a:

- El centro médico Salinas Valley Health
- La ciudad de Salinas
- La ciudad de Marina y la costa

PUNTUACIONES DE VULNERABILIDAD

Peligro	Presente	Futuro (2080 - 2100)
Inundaciones de marea alta	2	2
Inundaciones costeras	4	4
Aumento de las aguas subterráneas	2	4
Inundaciones fluviales y tierras interiores	5	5
Hundimiento de la tierra	5	N/A

IMPACTOS EN LA COMUNIDAD

¿Cómo podría afectarle este cierre de carretera? Por favor coloque un punto en las cajas con las que esté de acuerdo o agregue una nota para proporcionar más información.

NO PUEDO ACCEDER AL TRABAJO O A SERVICIOS CRÍTICOS	CAMBIO DE RUTA O MÁS TIEMPO DE VIAJE	VARADO O AISLADO	¿Qué le gustaría que se abordara en esta área? Por favor agregue sus comentarios en la caja.
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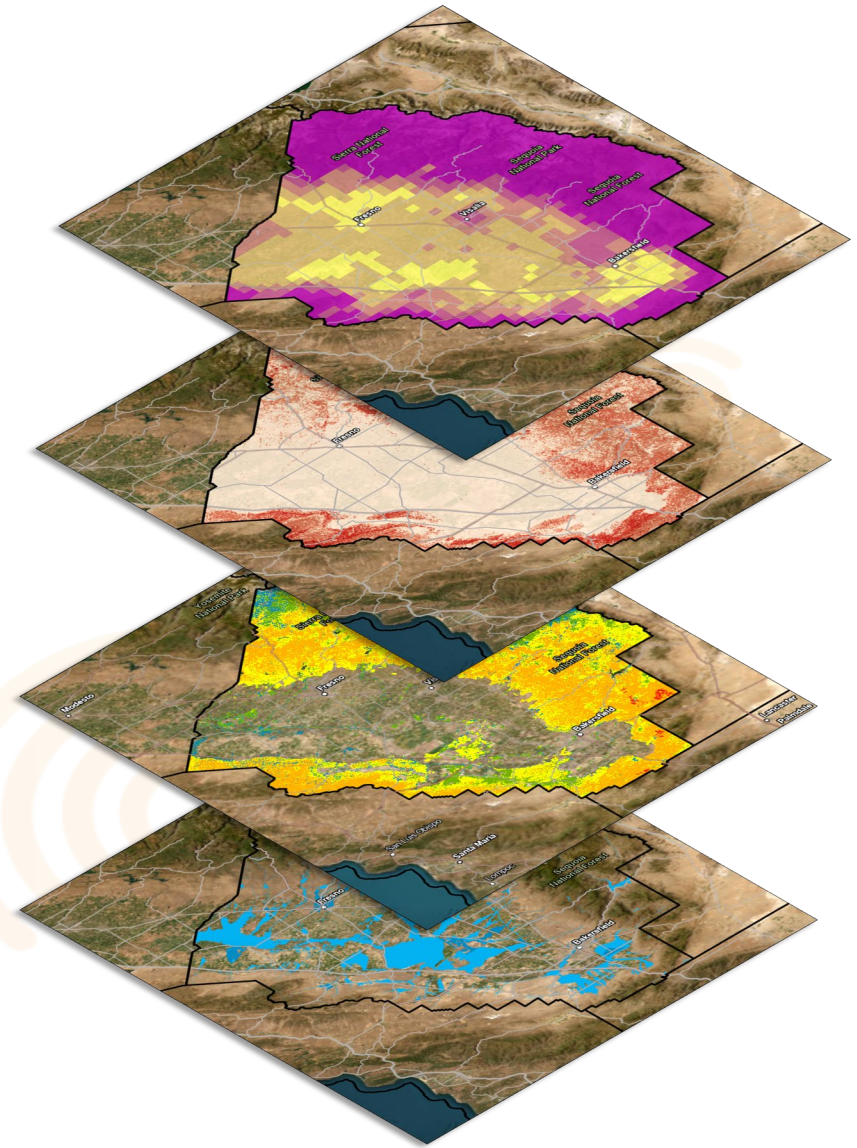
Hazards



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Hazards Chapter

- Best Available Climate Data Sources
- Climate Scenarios and Horizons
 - Mid and late century
- Climate Stressors
- Climate Hazards
- Compounding Hazards



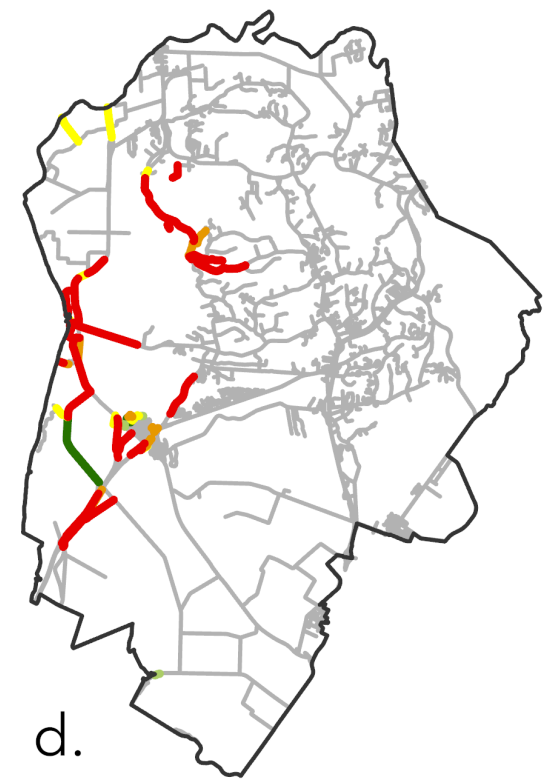
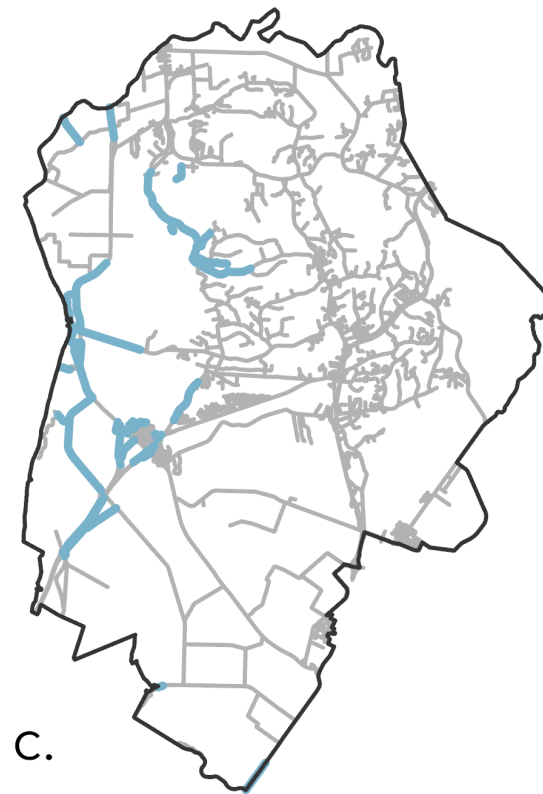


Exposure & Vulnerability Assessment



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Asset + Hazard \rightarrow Exposure & Vulnerability



Draft Exposure Results

- Exposure analysis completed for project area (North Monterey County)
- Roadways and Rail segmented into 1/10th mile segments
- Full array of Climate Stressor and Hazards tagged to each segment

Vulnerability Assessment

- Climate vulnerability: the degree to which physical, biological, and socioeconomic systems are susceptible to and unable to cope with adverse impacts of climate change.
- Analyzed climate hazards and stressors for existing, mid-century, and late-century scenarios
 - Coastal flooding
 - Shallow groundwater rise
 - Subsidence
 - FEMA
 - Rainfall runoff

Vulnerability Assessment Metrics

Coastal, Low-lying Areas

- Coastal and Tidal Flooding (flood depth)
- Shallow Groundwater – Existing (depth below ground)
- Shallow Groundwater – Future (depth below ground)
- Subsidence (mm/year)

Both

- FEMA Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Rainfall Runoff

Inland, High-elevation Areas

- Uplift (mm/year)
- Landslides Susceptibility (susceptibility class)
- Wildfire Threat – Existing (threat class)
- Wildfire Threat – Future (change in probability)
- Post Wildfire Debris Flow (threat level)

Vulnerability Criteria

Vulnerability	Rating	Hazard
Low	1	
	2	
Moderate	3	
	4	
High	5	

Relevant citation for criteria noted under the tables

- **Low:** Hazard causes limited impacts to roadways for both damage and operations; roadways can quickly recover
- **Moderate:** Hazard may cause short-term closures, damage, impact safety, take a longer time to recover, and/or shorten roadway lifespan
- **High:** Hazard can strand communities, damage is severe, substantial impacts to roadway lifespan (may require reconstruction), elevated threat to life safety and property

Vulnerability Chapter

- Defines the vulnerability criteria by hazard
- Provides exposure results (e.g., length of roadway flooded by functional type)
- Presents vulnerability scores, rolled up by functional type
- *Asset geodatabase also includes exposure results for other asset types (e.g., critical services, railways)*

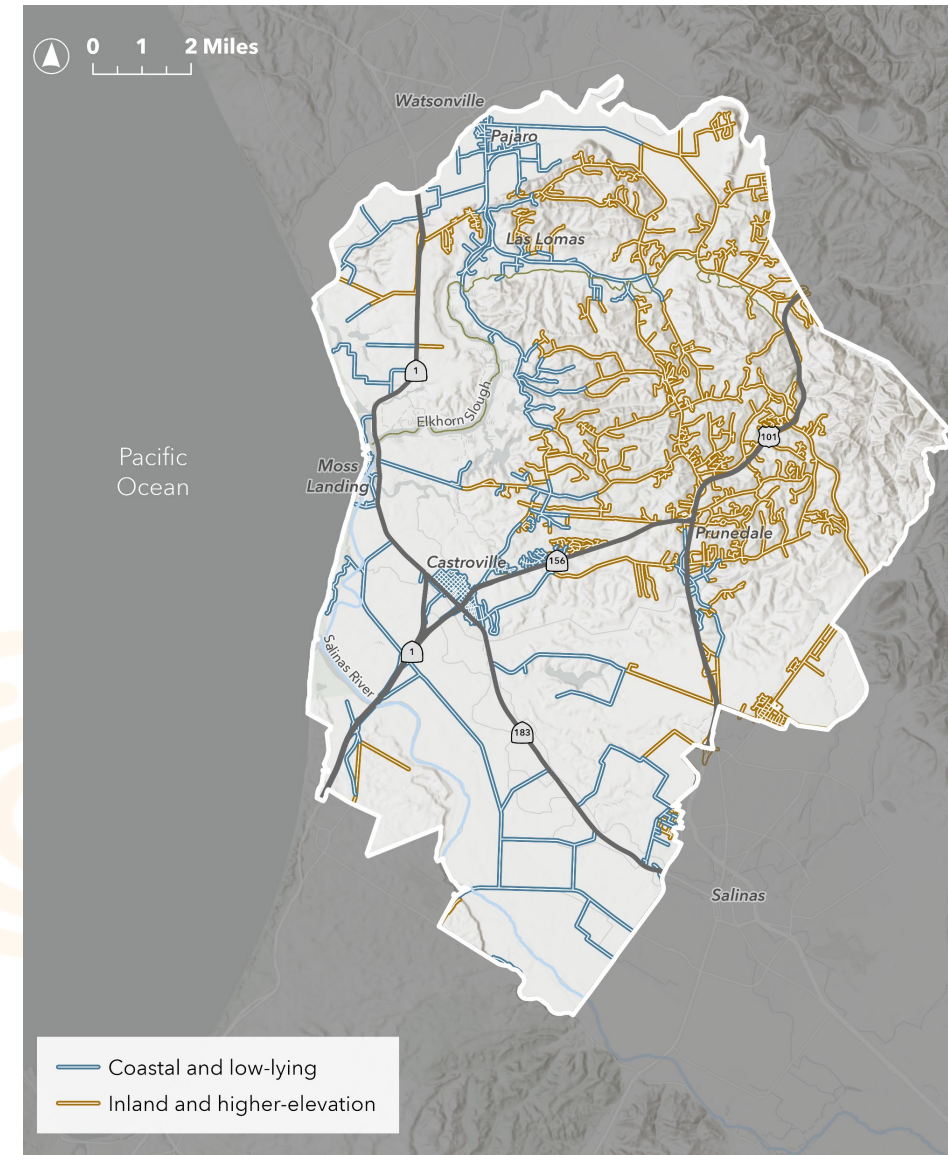


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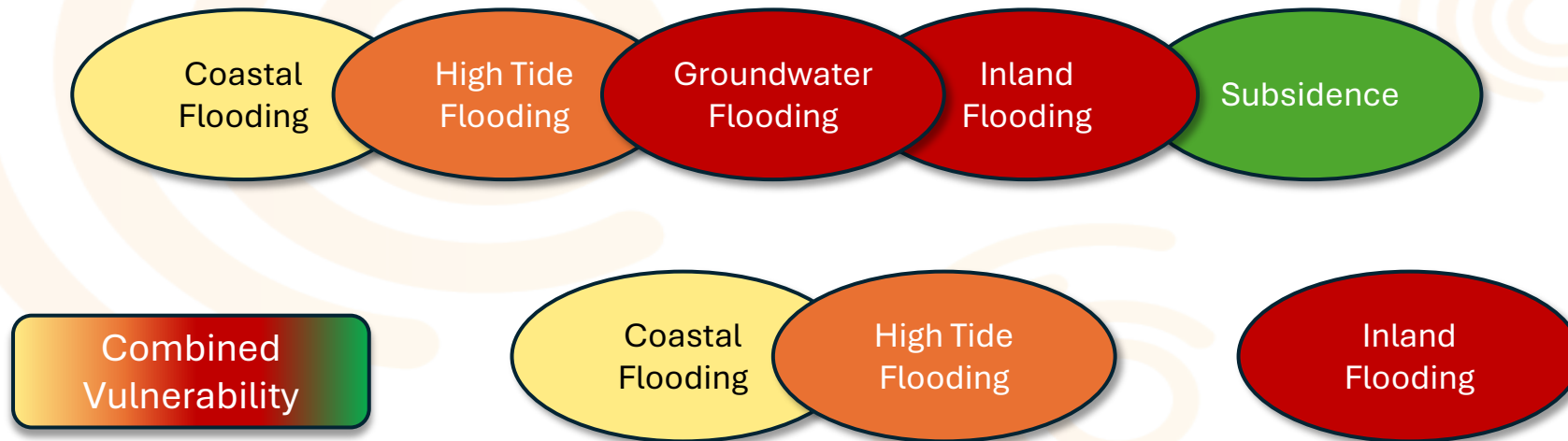


Vulnerability Approach + Findings

- Combines *hazard vulnerability* and *consequences*
- Report includes:
 - Exposure summary tables by hazard
 - Vulnerability summary tables by hazard
- *But there are many more ways to look at the data*



Vulnerability Ratings for All Roadways for All Hazards





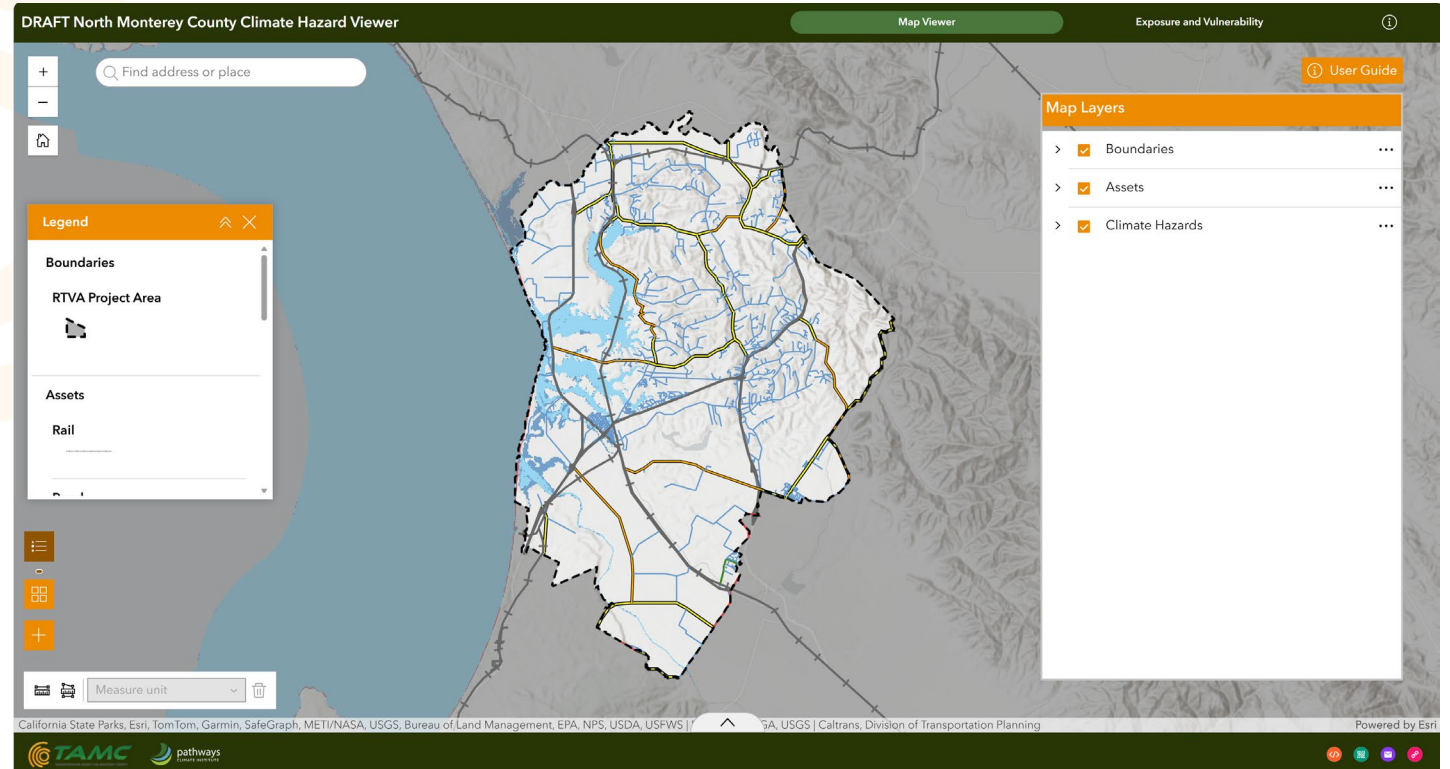
Hazard Viewer



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North Monterey County Hazard Viewer

- Dynamic online viewer
- Explore North Monterey hazards, exposure and vulnerability results





Prioritization



Prioritization Metrics

Transportation-related



- Roadway Type
(Functional Class)



- Bikeways
(Access to bike path)



- Traffic demand
(Average Daily Traffic)



- Evacuation route
(Predesignated evacuation route)



- Bus routes
(MST route)



- Nature-based opportunities
(Feature types in project area)

Prioritization Metrics

Community-related



Proximity to disadvantaged communities
(SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities)



Trail or recreational access
(Access to trails)





- Access critical services or jobs
(Critical services assets and community identified services)
(Jobs information through community outreach - qualitative)



- Safe Routes to Schools
(Priority identified areas)

Prioritization Viewer

[About](#)
[How to Use](#)

ROAD VULNERABILITY PRIORITIZATION

North Monterey County · Coastal and Low-Lying Roads

BASEMAP

Street Aerial

CLIMATE SCENARIO

Historical

Intermediate Mid-Century Very High Mid-Century

Intermediate Late-Century Very High Late-Century

HAZARD TYPES

High Tide Flooding ✓ on

Coastal Flooding ✓ on

Groundwater Rise ✓ on

Riverine & Inland Flooding ✓ on

Subsidence ✓ on

ROADWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASS

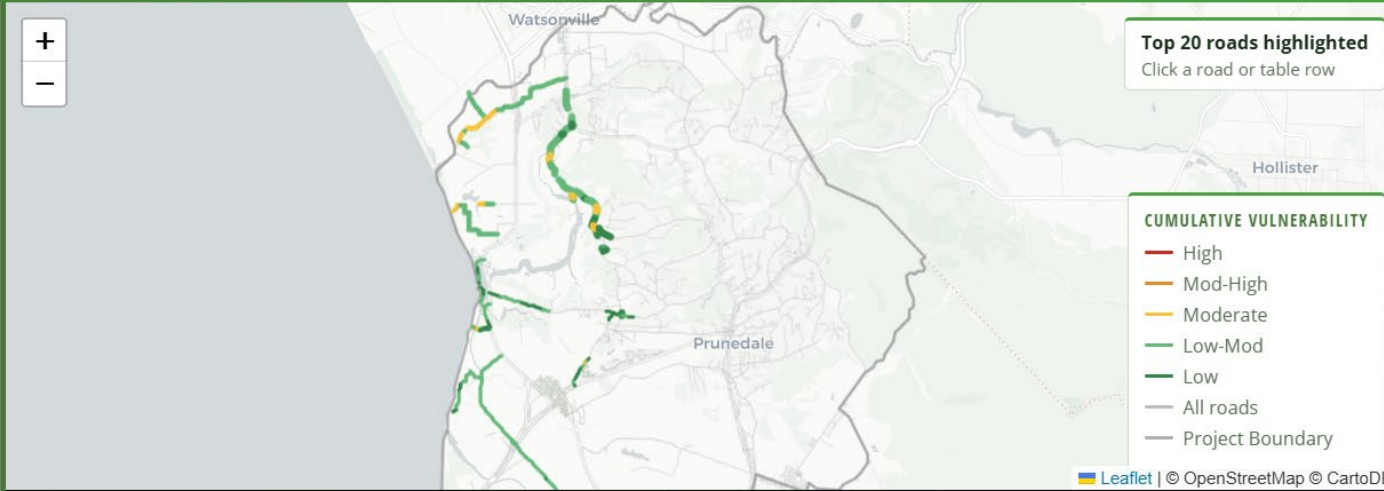
All Classes ▾

PRIORITY METRICS

Individual ⓘ Balanced ⓘ

TRANSPORTATION

Bikeways 28 ⓘ



Top 20 roads highlighted
 Click a road or table row

CUMULATIVE VULNERABILITY
— High
— Mod-High
— Moderate
— Low-Mod
— Low
— All roads
— Project Boundary

TOP 20 PRIORITY ROADS All roads HISTORICAL Top 20 Top 100

RANK	ROADWAY NAME	ROADWAY FUNCTIONAL CLASS	CUMULATIVE VULNERABILITY SCORE TL	VULNERABILITY BREAKDOWN	SELECTED PRIORITY METRIC
1	Elkhorn Road	Minor Collector	14	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	—
2	Kirby Road	Local	14	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	—
3	Strawberry Road	Local	13	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	—
4	Giberson Road	Local	13	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	—
5	Potrero Road	Local	12	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	—
6	Tafton Road	Local	12	■ ■ ■ ■ ■	—

Prioritization List

Table 6-2. Comparison of Vulnerable Roads Across **All** Prioritization Metrics

Rank	Transportation- and Community-related Metrics (Vulnerability Score / Number of Metrics Met)	Transportation-related Metrics (Vulnerability Score / Number of Metrics Met)	Community-related Metrics (Vulnerability Score / Number of Metrics Met)
1	Elkhorn Road (14/8)	Elkhorn Road (14/4)	Castroville Boulevard (11/5)
2	Castroville Boulevard (11/8)	Davis Road (11/4)	Salinas Road (7/5)
3	Salinas Road (7/8)	Blanco Road (10/4)	Matiasевич Lane (7/5)
4	San Juan Road (8/7)	San Juan Road (8/4)	Bishop Street (7/5)
5	Porter Drive (7/7)	San Miguel Canyon Road (6/4)	Preston Street (5/5)
6	Merritt Street (6/7)	Castroville Boulevard (11/3)	Elkhorn Road (11/4)
7	Davis Road (11/6)	Nashua Road (10/3)	Preston Road (8/4)
8	Blanco Road (10/6)	Salinas Road (7/3)	McFadden Road (8/4)
9	Hall Road (6/6)	Porter Drive (7/3)	Brooklyn Street (7/4)
10	Blackie Road (5/6)	Reservation Road (7/3)	Railroad Avenue (7/4)

Final Discussion

- How might this information be useful to your organization?
- Any questions or feedback on project results, findings or finalization?

Thank you!

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June 11, 2026

Final Draft: by June 30,
2026



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