

Monterey County Local Alternative Transportation Improvement Program List of Projects

SOUTH SALINAS CORRIDOR PROJECT

MON-101-PM 77.0/85.6 - EA 05-0H330_ (PID 0513000133)

This project proposes to convert the existing US 101 from an expressway to a freeway in Monterey County, from Main Street Overcrossing in Chualar to Airport Boulevard Overcrossing in Salinas. The proposed improvements consist of potentially realigning the existing expressway, controlling access within the project limits, constructing new interchanges and grade separations, and providing a new frontage road system.

This segment of US 101 is currently a four-lane expressway with an inadequate frontage road system with twelve at-grade intersections and numerous private driveways within the project limits. The project study area and surrounding areas have experienced a substantial amount of development, which is expected to continue in the future. This continued growth, coupled with a growth in commute and interregional traffic, has resulted in substantial congestion.

In addition to the congestion, safety is also a concern. There is a lack of controlled access along the corridor that results in conflicts between fast-moving through traffic and slower-moving vehicles, such as agricultural vehicles, that turn off and onto the expressway.

Cost Range: \$250,000,000 to \$450,000,000

US 101/STATE ROUTE 156 INTERCHANGE PROJECT

MON-101-PM 94.6/96.8, MON-156-PM 3.9/T5.6 - EA 05-31600_ (PID 0500000497)

This project proposes to remove and reconstruct the current interchange. The new interchange configuration will include a fully functioning interchange and a new flyover structure that will connect eastbound State Route 156 traffic to northbound US 101. This project also proposes to convert US 101 from a four-lane expressway to a four-lane freeway within the project limits.

This segment of US 101 experiences congestion in both the northbound and southbound directions on a regular basis, especially on weekends. Heavy weekend traffic is generated by tourism from the Bay Area to the Monterey Peninsula and Big Sur. There are safety concerns and operational deficiencies due to poor weaving distances and at-grade intersections. The operational deficiencies exacerbate the congestion problems.

The project proposes to improve safety and address numerous operational deficiencies on US 101 by improving weaving distances, removing at-grade intersections, and constructing a new frontage road.

Cost Range: \$300,000,000 to \$350,000,000

PRUNEDALE AREA RESCISSION MAP

Santa Cruz
County

Santa Clara
County

Freeway Adopted
June 24, 1964

Route Adopted On
Existing Alignment

PM 2.9

101

156

156

PM 0.0

PM 101.32

San Benito
County

Monterey
County

Unconstructed Portions
To Be Rescinded

156


PM R91.9

Freeway Adopted
April 19, 1950

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101

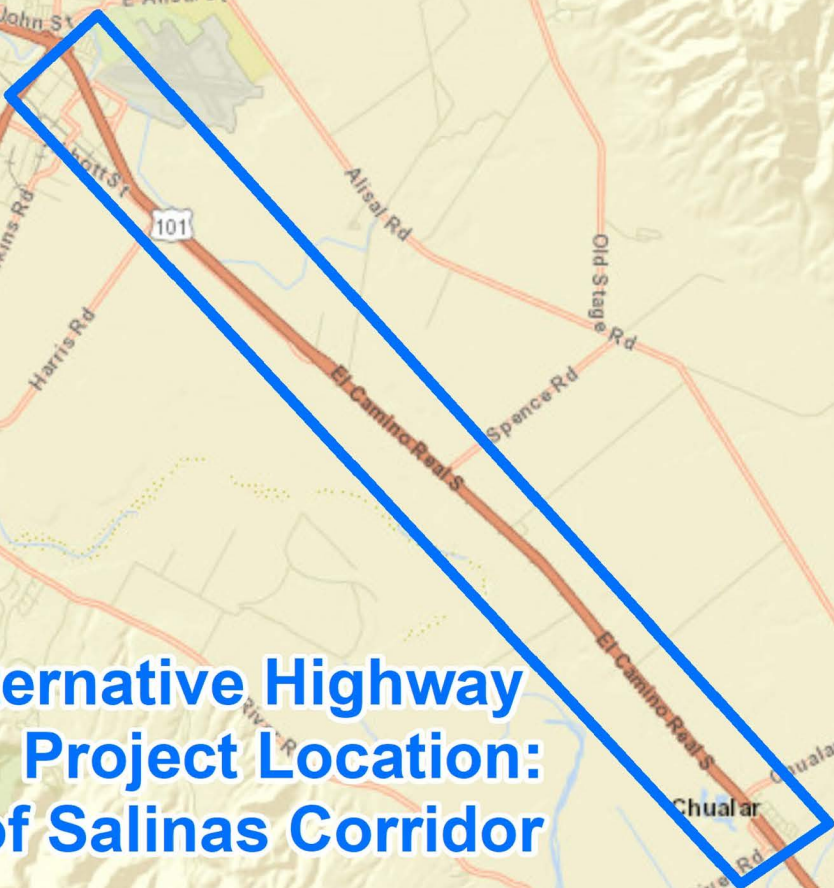
Freeway Rescission in
Monterey and San Benito
County



Location Map



**Potential Alternative Highway
Project Location:
US 101/SR 156 Interchange**



**Potential Alternative Highway
Project Location:
South of Salinas Corridor**

