



City of Santa Barbara California

PLANNING COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

REPORT DATE: January 31, 2008
AGENDA DATE: February 7, 2008
PROJECT ADDRESS: Highway 101 from Milpas Street to Hot Springs (MST2004-00691)
 Highway 101 Operational Improvements Project
TO: Planning Commission
FROM: Planning Division, (805) 564-5470
 Jan Hubbell, AICP, Senior Planner *JH*
 Michael Berman, Project Planner *MB*

I. INTRODUCTION

The Planning Commission approved, with Conditions, a Coastal Development Permit for the Highway 101 Operational Improvements Project in December 2004. The Conditions of Approval were adopted by Resolution #059-04 (available upon request) and require that annual updates be provided by the applicant to the Planning Commission on the progress and status of the project. The applicant has submitted a letter (see Exhibit A) that is intended to provide the Planning Commission with the third required status and progress report. Staff has also indicated below milestones that have been reached, developments that have occurred, and issues that have not been resolved.

II. PROJECT STATUS

A. 95% PLAN REVIEW COMPLETED

Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) and CALTRANS submitted 95% drawings for the project. The 95% submittal was consistent with the project approval and the 35% and 65% drawings and responded to all substantial comments by Staff on these earlier submittals.

B. ABR REVIEWS

The Architectural Board of Review has completed its review except for the Railroad Bridge over Cabrillo Boulevard that is still in the design phase.

C. RAILROAD BRIDGE AT CARRILLO BLVD

SBCAG continues to work on obtaining the funding to replace the bridge. This component of the project has been separated from the remaining elements of the project, but CALTRANS and SBCAG anticipate constructing it in the fourth phase of the larger project.

D. SYCAMORE CREEK WETLANDS MITIGATION

A CDP was issued for the required wetland mitigation by the Planning Commission on December 7, 2007. The applicant has removed most of the trees approved for removal and expects to complete implementation of the required wetlands mitigation in the summer of 2008.

E. TRAFFIC ROUNDABOUT

The applicant anticipates that all property rights would be secured by March 2008 to facilitate construction of the roundabout at Hot Springs and Coast Village Road. CALTRANS completed purchase of the Montecito Country Club required for the roundabout.

F. ZOO SOUND WALL

The Zoo sound wall will not be constructed as indicated in the Memorandum sent to the Planning Commission by David Gustafson, Acting Community Development Director, on December 26, 2007. The Zoo operators indicated that they are unwilling to sign the necessary agreements to provide the required lease extension and maintenance of the wall.

G. CDP EXTENSION

The Coastal Development Permit (CDP) was extended to December 16, 2008 in response to a CALTRANS request for an extension.

H. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

CALTRANS and SBCAG have continued their community relations effort with local business owners and groups.

III. CONCLUSION

The US 101 Highway Improvement Project has made substantial progress since its approval in late 2004. City staff believes that CALTRANS continues to work diligently to meet the Coastal Development Permit conditions. CALTRANS expects to start construction in the Spring of 2008.

Exhibits:

- A. CALTRANS letter with attachments, January 30, 2008

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January 30, 2008
SB-101-KP 17.4/20.6 (PM 10.8/12.8)
Santa Barbara Operational Improvements; EA05-447800
CDP2004-00013

City of Santa Barbara
Paul Casey, Community Development Director
Community Development Department
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Dear Mr. Casey:

The intent of this letter is to provide an annual progress report to the City of Santa Barbara as per the Conditions of Approval for the Coastal Development Permit (CDP 2004-00013) issued for the Operational Improvements project between Milpas and Hot Springs/Cabrillo on State Route 101. The Annual Progress Report and Fact Sheet are enclosed.

This item is scheduled for the Planning Commission meeting of February 7, 2008. If you have any questions or need any additional information prior to the meeting date, please contact me at (805) 542-4689 or via e-mail at: michael_sandecki@dot.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Department of Transportation – District 5
Central Coast Environmental Analysis Branch

cc: Michael Berman

Enclosure

Santa Barbara 101 Operational Improvement Project
Milpas to Hot Springs/Cabrillo
Annual Project Update to the Planning Commission

Coastal Development Permit CDP2004-00013

January, 2008

The following is an update of the progress toward fulfillment of the Conditions of Approval for the Coastal Development Permit for the Operational Improvement Project on State Route 101, between the Milpas and Hot Springs/Cabrillo Interchanges (CDP2004-00013). The last annual update for CDP2004-00013 was presented to the Planning Commission on March 8, 2007.

CDP Extension

The original CDP for the project was issued on December 16, 2006. The second extension of the CDP, to December 16, 2008, was approved by the Community Development Department in a letter dated December 18, 2007.

ABR/HLC Final Approval

The joint Architectural Board of Review/Historic Landmarks Committee (ABR/HLC) gave final approval of the 95% plans for the project in May 2006, reserving a few items for approval via "consent after final". Follow up with the ABR/HLC occurred in November 2006, January 2007 and February 2007.

The additional items that came before the ABR in November 2006 and January 2007 included changes in the design that occurred after final approval was received. These changes included landscaping changes related to right of way acquisition processes, modification to the median barrier near Cabrillo Boulevard, and an overhead sign structure near Salinas Road.

At the time of the 95% approval by ABR/HLC in May 2006, one item, the Old Coast Highway sidewalk, was reserved for future consideration and review that is part of the design package prepared by Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) consultant team. Final approval of this item was received in February 2007

Community Relations

In the Spring of 2005, SBCAG and the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) opened up the community dialogue by planning a number of meetings to inform the public about the 101 Operational Improvements as the project moved through the detailed design phase. The community outreach plan has been funded by SBCAG and included participation from Caltrans, SBCAG, the City of Santa Barbara, and County of Santa Barbara. In September 2007, the SBCAG board agreed to fund with Measure D dollars the remaining period of the pre-construction community outreach as well as the first year of construction on the project – through June 2009. Some of the activities and tasks that have occurred since that time

include the following: a website site is being developed for use during the project www.SBROADS.com, a hotline is currently available to receive questions and provide information (1-888-SBROADS), and a construction brochure will be mailed prior to construction. Meanwhile, SBCAG and Caltrans continue to expand the community outreach by conducting meetings to a wide variety of interest groups. For a list of meetings held to date please refer to **Attachment A**.

Permit Status

All permits needed to begin construction of the project have been obtained. Army Corps of Engineers permits, Department of Fish and Game Streambed Alteration Agreements, and Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board were approved as of March 2007.

UPRR Right of Way Purchase

The original acquisition approach was to secure property from Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) to provide an area for drainage, storm water treatment, landscaping, and additional tree planting adjacent to the highway. UPRR was not willing to sell the property so Caltrans was required to enter into a condemnation process with Union Pacific Railroad. The condemnation process resulted in property for drainage, storm water treatment, and landscaping but Caltrans was unable to acquire the area for additional tree planting. The final landscaping to be constructed with the project will conform to the landscape plan approved by the ABR/HLC in January 2007, which provided maximized planting throughout the project in the event the additional tree planting area could not be acquired from UPRR. Final affirmation of the acquisition from UPRR occurred in late December 2007.

Wetland Mitigation

The preferred wetland mitigation site identified in the project CDP required coordination between Caltrans, County Flood Control, City Parks, City Streams Restoration, and the ABR/HLC. The project also required an additional CDP from the Planning Commission. The wetlands CDP was approved on December 7, and a Notice of Final Action was recorded on 2006 February 8, 2007.

Traffic Management Plan: Transit Study

As noted in last year's update to the Planning Commission, the Condition of Approval (COA) for the transit study has been fulfilled. At the time the City of Santa Barbara issued the Coastal Development Permit to Caltrans in December 2004, a condition was placed on the project to evaluate impacts to levels of service of transit operations under the purview of the Metropolitan Transit District due to increased congestion during the project. In May 2005, the City of Santa Barbara, SBCAG and Caltrans agreed to include in the cost of the project up to \$205,000 for costs related to maintaining service levels due to anticipated delays during the course of project construction. The project Construction Cooperative Agreement, approved by the City, SBCAG, and Caltrans in September 2007, provided a funding commitment of \$205,000 to MDT from project funding. The funding would be available once the construction contract was awarded, with the City of Santa Barbara being the financial conduit through which MDT would obtain the funding from Caltrans.

Cabrillo Pedestrian and Bicycle Access

The approved project included an extension of the multipurpose path from Los Patos Drive, under the railroad structure at Cabrillo Boulevard and Highway 101. The crossing under the railroad was originally designed as a tunnel behind the existing railway bridge abutment. As noted in last year's update to the Planning Commission, the Union Pacific Railroad Company (UPRR) has stated that such a proposal would not be granted approval because it would compromise the existing structure. As a result, replacement of the UPRR bridge will be needed to accommodate the pedestrian and bicycle access. The SBCAG consultant team has developed a number of alternatives, conducted an alternatives analysis, and has identified two feasible alternatives for further study and environmental re-evaluation. SBCAG has spent a significant amount of Measure D funds in developing design options for replacement of this structure. Preliminary cost estimates for the structure replacement are approximately \$5.0 million to \$6.0 million.

In order to allow the remaining project components to move forward, the UPRR structure replacement is to be constructed through a separate construction contract. An SBCAG consultant team is continuing work on the design for new structure. If work on the structure proceeds as planned, it is anticipated that construction of the new structure will occur during the last construction stage of the larger project which is currently scheduled for 2011 to 2012. SBCAG, Caltrans and the City of Santa Barbara are jointly working on a cooperative agreement to complete the detailed design and right of way phases for the project. A future agreement among those agencies will address the roles, responsibilities and funding for the construction phase.

Zoo Sound Wall Withdrawn

The original project included a sound barrier at the Santa Barbara Zoological Gardens. In November 2007, when the zoo board considered the agreements that were necessary with UPRR to implement the sound wall, the zoo representatives withdrew their support for this project feature. The zoo notified SBCAG and Caltrans, who then notified the City that there no longer was support by the zoo for this feature and that it would be withdrawn from the project. Caltrans received confirmation that the Community Development Director approved the change on January 4, 2008.

*Summary provided by Caltrans Environmental Planning
January 2008*



Montecito Association Board Meeting

- December 11, 2007
- Montecito Hall
- Approximately 15-20 people

Key questions/concerns/comments:

- Reviewed project components & detours & plan components previously supported and advocated by MA board
- Received questions related to increased traffic in Montecito, reminded board of Caltrans traffic monitoring on 3 local roads & intent to share data as collected
- 3rd lanes northbound – wanted true 3rd lanes from Cabrillo north to Milpas, responded with information re: previous widening proposal and future projects
- One comment mentioned difficulty turning left from Los Patos onto Cabrillo Blvd
- General tone of board = supportive

Future updates:

- March/April/May 2008 prior to construction & post contractor selection

Previous updates:

Meetings/phone/email updates	Board and Land Use Committee updates	Meeting to kick-off community outreach
October 11, 2006	May 11, 2005	June 14, 2005
November 12, 2005	June 7, 2005	
December 13, 2005		
January 3, 2006	Project overview, timeline, and detours	
January 10, 2006	August 9, 2005	
January 17, 2006		
February 7, 2006		
February 14, 2006		
May 2, 2006		
December 12, 2006		
January 3, 2007		
January 17, 2007		
February 7, 2007		
February 14, 2007		
April 10, 2007		
April 19, 2007		
May 2, 2007		
May 8, 2007		
December 11, 2007		



Sotheby's Company Meeting

- December 11, 2007
- Cabrillo Arts Pavilion
- Approx. attendance: 50 – 75 people
- Comment cards received: 11
- # of people stated information helpful on comment cards: 9

Key questions/concerns/comments:

- Interested in traffic in Montecito, future improvements to the highway, and new Montecito roundabout
- Question re: whether the new soundwalls & bridge improvements would change flood status of nearby properties, responded "no" as properties will not be rezoned
- Positive support for multipurpose path from bird refuge into Montecito
- Asked if there was a roundabout planned for Los Patos/Cabrillo Blvd intersection, responded that it had been discussed but was not a part of this project and that the area may be too small for a roundabout due to a historic structure
- Asked about future planning for Montecito sound walls, responded with contact information for 101inMotion.com
- Expressed support for 3 lanes each way from Milpas Street to Mussel Shoals
- Requested large signage for new Milpas Street off-ramp indicating which lane to take to beach
- Post meeting response was favorable and garnered additional meeting requests from UCSB

Follow-up:

- Added 7 email contacts to construction email database.

Future updates:

- Likely update through SB Realtors Assn during construction

Previous updates:

- No previous meetings



Santa Barbara Realtors Assn - MLS Committee

- December 6, 2007
- Cabrillo Arts Pavilion
- Approx. attendance: 75 –100 people
- Comment cards received: 15
- # of people stated information helpful on comment cards: 15

Key questions/concerns/comments:

- Concerned about closure of Cabrillo SB on-ramp & where traffic will go/increases on other roads
- One member concerned about CHP & potential for increased tickets
- Many were interested in staying up to date on the construction information
- Interested in funding for Montecito to Carpinteria
- Asked when web site would be established (responded that it will be up spring 2008 and we'll send out an update with a link)
- Interested in learning when construction is starting and ending (responded that dates will be known after contractor selected)
- Why not make 4 lanes now so it does not have to be done later? (responded that this is not the full widening project)
- Post meeting: approx. 10 people came up after the meeting to thank us for & compliment the presentation. They also suggested meetings to UCSB and to Sotheby's (as attendees had contacts for scheduling the meetings).

Follow-up:

- Contacted by Sotheby's VP (said she'd heard so many good comments re: the presentation that agents were requesting an update) and scheduled a presentation of December 11, 2007.
- Added 15 email contacts to construction email database.

Future updates:

- Agreed to give future updates as requested during construction

Previous updates:

- No previous meetings



Milpas area Community Meeting

- Tuesday, November 13, 2007
- Chase Palm Park Center
- Attendance: 18
- Invitation list: Mailed to businesses on Milpas St. from Quinientos St. down to ocean; emailed same businesses that provided email address and email address list from Milpas Association (update provided in invitation mailing as well – meeting focus was to follow-up with key Milpas business concerns)
- Comment cards received: 5 (all requested email updates)
- # of people stated information helpful on comment cards: 5

Key questions/concerns/comments:

1. Amount of money being spent on public information – would like more
2. Closure of Cabrillo SB on-ramp – concerns related to traffic impacts to Milpas, Cabrillo, and Montecito
3. 1 card: concerned about closing South Bound Cabrillo on-ramp and wanted Environmental Impact Report – **Follow Up: Emailed web link and instructions for submitting California Public Records Act Department of Transportation Request Form (11/14/07).**
4. 1 card: interested in Curb Your Commute – **Follow Up: Gave contact information to Kent Epperson at Traffic Solutions (11/14/07).**
5. 1 card: "Very informative! All the associates were a great source of information regarding the project"
6. Rerouting of traffic onto new Milpas loop off-ramp at Indio Muerto, and onto Milpas from there to 101. Added traffic on Milpas is seen as a benefit to retailers but others see it as interfering with access and possibly keeping customers away.
7. Loss and replacement of landscaping.
8. Complaints about roundabout safety and operations, specifically for crosswalk, and drivers who enter without yielding. One person said they were hit from behind while yielding to crosswalk at Milpas NB on ramp.
9. Doubts about safety improvement of crosswalk at Cabrillo NB on ramp
10. Duration of Milpas ramp closures is still too long, and how can it be reduced further- especially by forcing double shifts or 24-hr schedules.
11. Regarding traffic on South Milpas, some of the Merchants asked whether it had been modeled & what traffic would be peak hour without Cabrillo SB ramp.
12. Regarding traffic on Coast Village Road, it was asked whether it had been modeled what traffic would be peak hour without Cabrillo SB ramp 3.
13. Councilmember Grant House asked if there was a 24-hour hotline or a way for merchants to contact the project after hours. **Follow Up: Emailed to explain that merchants can contact Ayars & Associates with any concerns and that many had cell phone number & have already starting using it (11/14/07).**

****Councilmember Grant House attended and commented "If I had known nothing about transportation, I'd walk away from the meeting with a clear understanding of the project and transportation components planned." Followed up via email (11/15/07) re: contact information for businesses throughout project.**

****Newly elected Councilmember Dale Francisco attended the meeting and was concerned with shortening the project duration. A number of team members commented on the possibilities and constraints.**

Community Outreach



Future updates:

- Prior to construction start & throughout construction via email, mail, personal updates, and community meetings

Previous updates (includes Milpas Association updates):

Meetings/phone/email updates with individual business owners	Walk door-to-door on Milpas corridor to discuss project	Community Meetings
June 21, 2005	February 23, 2007	August 4, 2005
July 29, 2005	February 24, 2007	August 9, 2005
August 11, 2005	March 5, 2007	June 7, 2007
January 19, 2006	March 8, 2007	June 8, 2007
January 20, 2006	April 20, 2007	May 11, 2005
February 1, 2006	May 2, 2007	November 13, 2007
February 8, 2006	May 4, 2007	Mailings to Businesses
August 11, 2006	October 9, 2007	October 24, 2007
November 2, 2006	October 24, 2007	
November 15, 2006	November 13, 2007	
February 1, 2007	November 14, 2007	
February 21, 2007	November 15, 2007	
February 22, 2007	November 16, 2007	



Santa Barbara Downtown Rotary Club

- Friday, November 9, 2007
- Doubletree Resort
- Attendance: 75 –100 people
- Invitation list: SB Downtown Rotarians
- Comment cards received: 4
- # of people stated information helpful on comment cards: 3

Key questions/concerns/comments:

1. Why aren't the new northbound lanes true 3rd lanes from Cabrillo Blvd to Milpas (vs. merge lane & 3rd lane)?
2. One Rotarian was unhappy and didn't support closing the Cabrillo SB on-ramp. A couple of other people supported his opinion, but about 5 more commented that they understood the need for closure as a means of improving Hwy 101 traffic flow.
3. Approx. 10 people came up after the meeting to thank us for the presentation, comment on how nice the materials were in the presentation, and say "it's about time this is built – overdue really."

Follow-up:

Answered all questions at meeting and called (11/12/07) one Rotarian concerned with nexus to UCSB summer events.

Future updates:

- Agreed to give future updates as requested during construction
- At meeting, spoke with Brian Sarvis, Superintendent of Santa Barbara School Districts, re: updates for teachers & parents – mentioned work with Barbara Keyani at SBSD office

Previous updates:

- No previous meetings

Community Outreach



Dates	Organization	Subject
May 11, 2005 June 7, 2005 June 14, 2005 August 9, 2005 October 11, 2006 November 12, 2005 December 13, 2005 January 3, 2006 January 10, 2006 January 17, 2006 February 7, 2006 February 14, 2006 May 2, 2006 December 12, 2006 January 3, 2007 January 17, 2007 February 7, 2007 February 14, 2007 April 10, 2007 April 19, 2007 May 2, 2007 May 8, 2007 December 11, 2007	Montecito Association	Board and Land Use Committee updates Meeting to kick-off community outreach Project overview, timeline, and detours Meetings/phone/email updates
May 11, 2005 June 21, 2005 July 29, 2005 January 19, 2006 January 20, 2006 February 8, 2006 August 11, 2006 February 22, 2007 May 4, 2007 October 9, 2007 October 24, 2007 November 13, 2007	Milpas Association	Meeting to kick-off community outreach Project overview, timeline, and detours Meetings/phone/email updates
May 11, 2005 August 24, 2005 November 16, 2005 December 2, 2005 January 17, 2006	Coast Village Road Business Association	Meeting to kick-off community outreach Project overview, timeline, and detours Meetings/phone/email updates

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Dates	Organization	Subject
April 21, 2006 May 19, 2006 November 20, 2006 January 9, 2007 January 12, 2007 January 19, 2007 April 9, 2007 April 14, 2007 July 19, 2007	Coast Village Road Business Association cont.	Meeting/phone/email updates
May 11, 2005 August 4, 2005 August 9, 2005 June 7, 2007 June 8, 2007 August 11, 2005 February 1, 2006 November 2, 2006 November 15, 2006 February 1, 2007 February 21, 2007 February 22, 2007 February 23, 2007 February 24, 2007 March 5, 2007 March 8, 2007 April 20, 2007 May 2, 2007 May 4, 2007 October 9, 2007 October 24, 2007 November 13, 2007 November 14, 2007 November 15, 2007 November 16, 2007	Milpas Businesses	Meeting to kick-off community outreach Walk door-to-door on Milpas corridor to discuss project Meetings/mailings/phone/email updates with individual business owners
June 13, 2007 June 19, 2007	City of Santa Barbara	Presentations
May 16, 2007	Montecito Planning Commission	Presentation
July 26, 2007	Emergency Public Information Communicators (EPIC)	Presentation

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Dates	Organization	Subject
June 12, 2007	Santa Barbara Association of Realtors	Presentation
December 11, 2007	Sotheby's	Presentation
February 7, 2006	Santa Barbara Bicycle Coalition	Presentation
January 27, 2006	Bill Medel, David Van Hoy, & Carol Van Sande	Right of Way
May 11, 2005 December 2, 2005 January 3, 2006 January 4, 2006 February 2, 2006 March 2, 2006 March 21, 2006 June 12, 2006 June 20, 2006 June 21, 2006 December 1, 2006 January 24, 2007 January 25, 2007 May 2, 2007 June 8, 2007	Montecito VONS, Santa Barbara Bank & Trust, and area shops	Meeting to kick-off community outreach Project updates
June 21, 2007	East Beach Merchants Association	Meeting with Michael DePaolo
April 4, 2007 May 30, 2007	Starbucks Property	Tenant updates
April 13, 2006 July 11, 2006 January 25, 2007 April 25, 2007 July 11, 2007	Montecito Country Club	Tenant updates
May 11, 2005 August 17, 2005 May 18, 2006 November 11, 2006 November 27, 2006 December 21, 2006 December 28, 2006 May 2, 2007	Santa Barbara Zoo	Meeting to kick-off community outreach Meetings/phone/email updates
May 11, 2005 November 9, 2005 November 15, 2005	Santa Barbara School District	Phone and email updates

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Dates	Organization	Subject
April 13, 2006 November 2, 2006 November 12, 2006 June 5, 2007	Santa Barbara School cont.	Phone and email updates
April 10, 2007 May 24, 2007 October 5, 2007	Goleta Chamber of Commerce	Presentations
February 1, 2007 April 11, 2007	MTD	Coordination Meetings
March 19, 2007	UCSB	Presentation
May 11, 2005 September 11, 2006 November 2, 2006	Santa Barbara City College	Phone and email updates
May 16, 2007	Montecito Planning Commission	Presentation
May 28, 2007 June 27, 2007	Music Academy of the West	Email coordination Meeting
May 11, 2007 June 5, 2007	Westmont	Email coordination
June 18, 2007	Santa Barbara Convention and Visitors Bureau	Phone update
November 9, 2007	Santa Barbara Downtown Rotary Club	Presentation
October 19, 2007 November 8, 2007	Riviera Association	Phone coordination re: updates

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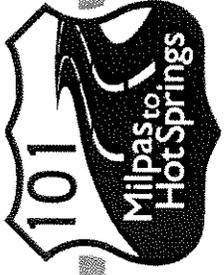
Part of the Community Outreach program calls for elected official briefings. The following briefings have been held:

Date	With	Subject
January 27, 2006 January 30, 2006 November 15, 2006 June 27, 2007 October 24, 2007	Congresswoman Lois Capps	Email updates
January 27, 2006 January 30, 2006 November 15, 2006 June 27, 2007 October 24, 2007	State Senator Tom McClintock	Email updates
January 27, 2006 January 30, 2006 June 6, 2006 August 1, 2006 November 15, 2006 June 19, 2007 July 20, 2007 July 27, 2007 October 24, 2007	Assemblyman Pedro Nava	Email updates Meeting with Staff Email updates
July 12, 2007 July 19, 2007 October 24, 2007	Supervisor Salud Carbajal	Meetings Email update
January 17, 2006 May 12, 2006 June 6, 2006 August 1, 2006 November 15, 2006 June 27, 2007 October 24, 2007	Board of Supervisors	Email updates
January 17, 2006 May 12, 2006 June 6, 2006 August 1, 2006 November 15, 2006 February 13, 2007 June 27, 2007 October 24, 2007 November 13, 2007*	Santa Barbara City Council	Meetings and email updates

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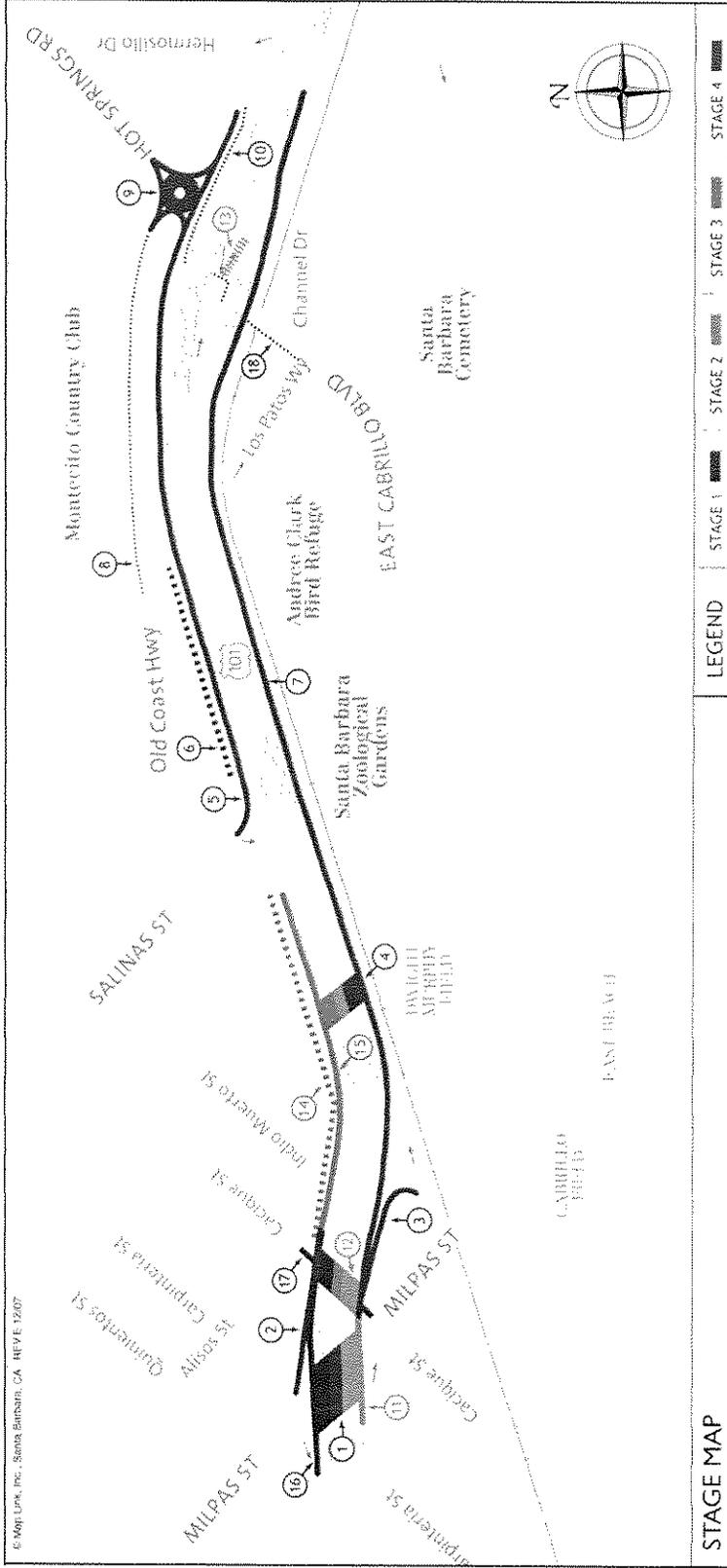


January 17, 2006 May 12, 2006 August 1, 2006 November 15, 2006 June 27, 2007 October 24, 2007	Congresswoman Lois Capps	Email updates
January 17, 2006 May 12, 2006 November 15, 2006 October 12, 2007	Carpinteria City Council	Email updates



Highway 101 Operational Improvements

Milpas St. to Hot Springs Rd. / Cabrillo Blvd.



STAGE MAP

STAGE 1

1. REPLACE MILPAS BRIDGES
2. MILPAS OFF-RAMP IMPROVEMENTS
3. SOUTHBOUND MILPAS HOOK OFF-RAMP
4. REPLACE SYCAMORE CREEK BRIDGE
5. CABRILLO TO SALINAS MERGE LANE

STAGE 2

6. TENNIS STADIUM SOUND WALL
7. THIRD SOUTHBOUND LANE
8. OLD COAST HWY SIDEWALK
9. MONTECITO ROUNDABOUT
10. MULTIPURPOSE PATH

STAGE 3

11. THIRD SOUTHBOUND LANE OVER MILPAS
12. CACIQUE UNDERCROSSING
13. CLOSE SOUTHBOUND ON-RAMP
14. SALINAS TO ALISOS SOUND WALL
15. THIRD NORTHBOUND LANE FROM SALINAS TO MILPAS

STAGE 4

16. THIRD NORTHBOUND LANE OVER MILPAS
17. CONNECT CACIQUE ST.
18. MULTIPURPOSE PATH

MEASURE D
Progress as Reported



For additional project information, please call: **1.888.SB.ROADS (1.888.727.6237)**

December 2007



Highway 101 Operational Improvements

Milpas St. to Hot Springs Rd. / Cabrillo Blvd.

Project Overview

The Highway 101 Operational Improvements between Milpas Street and Hot Springs Road/Cabrillo Boulevard mark one of the largest projects undertaken by Caltrans in Santa Barbara County.

The project construction costs are approximately \$57 million and include the reconstruction of two major interchanges, six new or improved bridges, freeway widening, and improvements to local streets and circulation.

Construction is slated to begin in the summer of 2008 and will take 4 years; each construction stage is approximately 1 year in length.

During construction, Highway 101 will have 2 lanes open in each direction and Milpas Street will remain open with intermittent lane closures as needed.

The majority of construction will occur behind concrete barriers during daytime work hours; some nighttime lane closures will occur.

Main Project Components:

- Third southbound lane added between Milpas Street and Hot Springs Road/Cabrillo Boulevard
- Third northbound lane added between Salinas Street and Milpas Street
- Bridge replacement on Highway 101 at Milpas Street
- Northbound merge lane added from Cabrillo Boulevard on-ramp to the Salinas Street off-ramp
- Cacique Street pedestrian, vehicle, and bike connection added between Milpas Street and Alisos Street (under Highway 101)
- Roundabout added at Cabrillo Boulevard/Hot Springs Road/Coast Village Road/Old Coast Highway for local circulation improvements
- Improved pedestrian/bicycle access under Highway 101 and along Old Coast Highway

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to improve traffic congestion, ramp access, and safety on Highway 101 from Milpas Street to Hot Springs Road/Cabrillo Boulevard. The project will also improve local circulation for vehicles and provide improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities. This project focuses on 2 miles of Highway 101 between Santa Barbara and Montecito.

Temporary Ramp Closures

Based on constructive public feedback at community meetings in the Spring/Summer of 2005, 4 of the temporary ramp closures have been reduced in duration. The total duration of closures has been reduced in half.

Ramp Closures - in 1 st year of construction unless marked with * denoting 2 nd project year	Initial Duration (months)	Revised Duration (months)
Milpas NB Off-ramp	10	7
Milpas SB On-ramp	12	5
Hot Springs/Cabrillo SB Off-ramp*	12	4
Cabrillo NB Off-ramp*	6	2
Cabrillo NB On-ramp	2	No change
Los Patos SB Off-ramp	12	No change

There will also be intermittent nighttime ramp closures.

Reduce Congestion: Rideshare

The project team is also working with Traffic Solutions to provide incentives to commuters to reduce peak period traffic trips. These include working with employers to encourage carpooling, vanpools, bus incentives, flexwork, telecommuting, and much more. For additional information, call 963-SAVE.