



## **MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP**

Tuesday, September 18, 2018

9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Gilroy Police Department Community Room  
7301 Hanna Street, Gilroy, CA

### **AGENDA**

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS:** This portion of the agenda is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are **limited to 2 minutes**. The law does not permit Committee action or extended discussion on any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter can be placed on the next agenda. All statements that require a response will be referred to staff for reply in writing.
3. **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

4. **ACTION ITEM** - Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2018.
5. **INFORMATION ITEM** – Receive reports from Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) and Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) staff.
6. **INFORMATION ITEM** – Update on US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvements - Phase 1
7. **INFORMATION ITEM** – Caltrans Update
8. **ACTION ITEM** – Overall Status/Workplan Update/Next Steps
9. **ACTION ITEM** – Future meeting schedule
10. **ADJOURN**

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## MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP

Agenda Item 4

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

### MINUTES

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Mobility Partnership Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairperson Muenzer in the Gilroy City Council Chambers, 7351 Rosanna Street, Gilroy, CA 95020.

#### 1. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Representing	Status
Larry Carr	Vice -Chairperson	County of Santa Clara	Present
Jaime De La Cruz	Member	County of San Benito	Present
Dan Harney	Member	County of Santa Clara	Present
Peter Leroe-Muñoz	Member	County of Santa Clara	Present
Jerry Muenzer	Chairperson	County of San Benito	Present
Ignacio Velazquez	Member	County of San Benito	Present

A quorum was present.

This meeting included a teleconference location at 210 Boulevard Jean Leman, Candiac, Quebec, Canada J5R 4G9. Member Harney attended this meeting via teleconference. All votes during the teleconference session were conducted by roll call vote.

#### 2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

There were no public presentations.

#### 3. ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### 4. APPROVE THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2018

**On General Consensus**, and there being no objection, the Mobility Partnership Regular Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2018 were approved.

#### 5. REPORTS FROM VTA AND SBCOG STAFF

Casey Emoto, VTA Deputy Director, Engineering and Program Delivery Division; Mary Gilbert, Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) Executive Director; and Chris Metzger, Project Manager; provided updates on sales tax Measure B for Santa Clara

County, sales tax measure for San Benito County, SB 1 funding application for US 101/SR 25 Interchange Phase 1, other funding options and high-speed rail.

**Discussion:**

1. Mr. Casey Emoto delivered an update on Santa Clara County's 2016 Measure B. The sales tax measure was passed on November 8, 2016 with tax collection started in April 2017. The tax measure is still under litigation. Both parties are now waiting for the court to issue a date to hear oral arguments. Funds collected from the measure are being kept in an escrow account until the suit is resolved.
2. Ms. Gilbert provided an update on a proposed San Benito County sales tax measure for the November 2018 elections. SBCOG already completed extensive public engagement and developed the Transportation, Safety and Investment Plan which has been approved by the cities, San Benito County of Supervisors and SBCOG. An ordinance would be forwarded to place the proposed one-percent sales tax for 30 years on the November 6 ballot. The proposed sales tax measure will fund the Highway 25 widening project, as well as extensive local streets and roads improvements.
3. Mr. Emoto updated the members on VTA's meeting to discuss Highway projects with City of Gilroy staff on February 28, 2018 and VTA's Mobility Partnership presentation to the City of Gilroy Council Meeting on April 16, 2018.

Member Velazquez inquired on the City of Gilroy's preference on the US 101/SR 25 alternative. Mr. Emoto replied that the City of Gilroy Council on May 7, 2018, selected Option A (New Bridge) as the preferred alignment for the US 101/SR 25 interchange improvements so long as it includes either the construction of the Santa Teresa extension between Castro Valley Road and the US 101/SR 25 interchange or maintains the current Castro Valley Road access ramps to US 101.

4. Mr. Emoto provided an update on the SB 1 funding application under the Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) for the US 101/SR 25 Interchange Phase 1 Project. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) will vote on August 15-16 to approve the funding application in the amount of \$4.2M for the design phase of the project.

For other funding options, VTA is exploring the remaining \$2M from the SR 152 Trade Corridor's \$10M VTA's and the State's contributions be made available to the US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvements Project.

Mr. Emoto also discussed repurposing or reallocating federal earmarks to other projects. VTA is attempting to reallocate an estimated \$2.5 Million of unused funds from a federal earmark for the completed SR 152/156 Interchange Project to US 101/SR 25 Interchange Project.

Vice-Chairperson Carr asked if the VTA's and the State's previous contributions of \$5M

each included environmental work for the SR 152 Trade Corridor. Mr. Emoto said that the contributions started the project analysis process for SR 152 Trade Corridor (US 101 to I-99) which resulted in the creation of the Project Initiation Document (PID), outreach activities in communities along SR 152, and starting the process to get parcel information. Separately, the CEQA document for the US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvement has been completed as well as the Project Report on the widening of US 101 from Monterey Street to Route 129.

5. Ms. Gilbert requested MP support for the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant application of the Highway 25 four-lane widening project's final environmental document and design phase.

**On General Consensus**, and there being no objection, the Mobility Partnership members will provide a letter of support for the BUILD grant application.

6. Mr. Metzger provided an update on High Speed Rail (HSR). The HSR 2018 Business Plan was adopted on May 15, 2018. Electrification of the Caltrain corridor would be expanded to Gilroy.

Member De La Cruz inquired on the current cost of the HSR project. Mr. Metzger would provide the cost at the next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Roland of City of San Jose, Interested Citizen, made comments on Measure B lawsuit.

## **6. PRESENTATION ON US 101/SR 25 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 1**

### **Discussions:**

Mr. Metzger provided a presentation on the developmental work for the US 101/SR 25 interchange area and potential improvements.

1. Chairperson Muenzer asked if Option A would only improve San Benito County's evening commute and not address the morning commute. Mr. Metzger answered that generally most of the benefit would be realized by the evening commuters.

Chairperson Muenzer also inquired if the permanent Santa Teresa Boulevard connection would alleviate the Castro Valley issue. Mr. Metzger replied in the affirmative.

Chairperson Muenzer wanted to clarify if Option B would address San Benito County's morning and evening commute, and keep Castro Valley Road open but not address the

Santa Teresa Boulevard connection. Mr. Metzger opined that it may keep Castro Valley Road open and would provide benefit for both the morning and evening commutes.

2. Member Ignacio asked that with Option B's potential to contribute to the goal of creating a trade corridor along SR 25, SR 152 and US 101, if the focus changed now for the SR 152 trade corridor. Mr. Metzger replied that many factors are at play. Long-term focus is still on the SR 152 Trade Corridor but through this project process, short-term issues and concerns could also be addressed. The timeline for the entire SR 152 Trade Corridor Project is dependent on funding (with an estimate of ten (10) years project completion if all funding sources are made available).
3. Member Leroy-Muñoz inquired on the long-term vision to preserve some level of access to Castro Valley Road. Mr. Metzger said that in the long-term, the highway section between Monterey Road and SR 25 will become a freeway with frontage roads on both sides. All access would be routed to the interchange.
4. Member De La Cruz asked if safety issues would be addressed on the intersection of Mesa Road and US 101. Mr. Metzger said that safety issues would be considered through traffic and geometrics studies.
5. Chairperson Muenzer asked what funds are still needed to complete the project. Mr. Emoto replied that funds being secured or that have been secured would cover the design phase. Construction funds would be pursued through future local, state and federal sources.
6. Member Velazquez queried if the Santa Teresa Boulevard connection is a high priority project. Mr. Metzger said that the connection is included in the ultimate SR 152 Trade Corridor plan.
7. Vice-Chairperson Carr asked if Santa Teresa Boulevard is part of the county expressways and included in the list of Measure B expressway projects. Mr. Metzger said that VTA will provide information at the next meeting.
8. Chairperson Muenzer inquired if ultimately Santa Teresa Boulevard would be part of SR 152. Mr. Emoto said that further discussions are still needed to make this determination.
9. Chairperson Muenzer asked if MP members need to select any of the options. Mr. Metzger replied that further studies still need to be completed. Selection of a preferred alternative should be the result of the environmental document update, with a focus on the traffic analysis. When available, this information will be brought to the MP.
10. Member Velazquez inquired if Option B could be an express toll lane and continue to Morgan Hill. Mr. Metzger said that the direct connector could be an express toll lane. Mr. Emoto said that the limits of the project are within the US 101/SR 25 interchange area. He also noted that Option B's direct connector is not part of the CEQA document and would be part of the revalidation and reassessment of the environmental document.

11. Member Leroe-Muñoz asked on what extent would the Gilroy City Council's Option A preference be a factor in the project studies and when can the MP members expect feedback. Mr. Metzger said that staff would consider all project studies that need to be made, meeting comments/feedback and will present the results to the committee based on the project timeline.

### **Public Comment**

Mr. Rusty Areias, former member of the California State Assembly, made comments on the following: (1) history of the US 101/SR 25 Interchange; (2) opposition to possible toll road on SR 152.

12. Vice-Chairperson Carr wanted to confirm if the bridge still needs to be rebuilt regardless of the selected option. Mr. Emoto confirmed that the bridge is part of the ultimate SR 152 Trade corridor and will ultimately be rebuilt regardless of the selected option.
13. Member Velazquez said that the project should seek the option that would best relieve current traffic congestion.
14. Chairperson Muenzer said that it is important to the City of Gilroy that Castro Valley Road remains open or that a permanent Santa Teresa Boulevard connection is built, and imperative for San Benito County that the improvements address morning and evening commutes.
15. Member Leroe-Muñoz will forward to Mr. Metzger the City of Gilroy's letter to VTA expressing preference on Option A with Santa Teresa Boulevard connection or maintain current Castro Valley Road access ramps to US 101.
16. Member De La Cruz suggested that San Benito County should also draft a letter on its preferred option. Member Velazquez then suggested to wait for the results of the forthcoming project studies. Chairperson Muenzer concurred.

## **7. NEXT STEPS**

### **Discussion:**

Chris Metzger, Project Manager, discussed workplan updates, next steps and action items.

1. Member Velazquez looks forward to the southern corridor discussion.
2. Vice-Chairperson Carr wanted to stress on the importance of rebuilding the interchange and address the morning commute (westbound SR 25 to northbound US 101).

3. Nick Saleh, Caltrans District 4 Division Chief, informed the committee on the need to evaluate the forthcoming project studies before selecting an option.

**On General Consensus**, and there being no objection, the Mobility Partnership workplan was approved but should consider the comments made by Member Velazquez and Vice-Chairperson Carr.

## **8. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE**

1. Members requested that next meeting be scheduled for September 2018. Specific location, date and time to be determined.

Member Harney left the meeting via teleconference at 11:26 am.

2. Vice-Chairperson Carr asked on the status of the fix to the deteriorating US 101 shoulder lane. Mr. Saleh said that Caltrans might issue a contract change order to the current project in the vicinity to cover the repairs needed.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

On the order of Chairperson Muenzer, and there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca de Leon  
VTA Highway Program





Memo on Agenda Item 5  
Date: September 18, 2018

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: Carolyn Gonot, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)  
Chief Engineering and Program Delivery Officer;  
Mary Gilbert, Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) Executive Director

SUBJECT: Receive reports from VTA and SBCOG staff

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## INFORMATION ITEM

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive report from VTA and SBCOG staff on items related to the Mobility Partnership.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Staff from VTA and SBCOG to provide status update on the following:

- Sales tax measure for Santa Clara County – Measure B
- Sales tax measure for San Benito County – Measure G
- SB 1 Funding under Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) for US 101/SR 25 Interchange- Phase 1
- Other Funding
- High Speed Rail update
- Responses to Questions from last Mobility Partnership meeting (June 27, 2018)



Memo on Agenda Item 6  
Date: September 18, 2018

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: Chris Metzger, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Update on US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvements - Phase 1

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## INFORMATION ITEM

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive update on US 101/SR 25 interchange area and potential Phase 1 improvements.

#### I. Scope of Work Update

- A. Traffic Analysis Approach – Compare benefits/impacts of both options.
- B. Environmental Clearance
  - 1. CEQA document for phased project
  - 2. Option: Obtain Federal (NEPA) clearance
- C. Final Design – Phase 1 (selected options only)
- D. SR 152 Concept Development – Continued alignment development.

#### II. Funding Status/Options

### **BACKGROUND:**

See attached presentation.



Memo on Agenda Item 7  
Date: September 18, 2018

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: Nick Saleh, Caltrans District 4 Division Chief – South Region

SUBJECT: Caltrans Update

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#### **ACTION ITEM**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive progress update on SR 25 interim improvements and other Caltrans activities in Southern Santa Clara/Northern San Benito Counties.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

Oral report to be provided.



Memo on Agenda Item 8  
Date: September 18, 2018

TO: Mobility Partnership  
FROM: Chris Metzger, Project Manager  
SUBJECT: Overall Status/Workplan Update/Next Steps

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#### **ACTION ITEM**

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve workplan updates, next actions, and action items per today's meeting.

##### **BACKGROUND:**

See attached workplan document and potential future activities/decisions.

Based on this workplan and discussions held at the meeting, agree upon next steps.



Memo on Agenda Item 9  
Date: September 18, 2018

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: Carolyn Gonot, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA)  
Chief Engineering and Program Delivery Officer

SUBJECT: Establish schedule for future meetings

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### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve schedule of future meetings.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Based on availability of MP members for this meeting, staff is recommending the following future meeting dates for discussion and approval:

- Wednesday, December 12, 2018 – morning. Time and location TBD
- Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – morning. Time and location TBD

# Mobility Partnership

September 18, 2018

# **US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvements - Phase 1**

Agenda Item 6

# US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvement - Phase 1

## Preliminary Project Milestone Schedule

Activity	Early Start	Early Finish	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
RFP Process	Aug-2018	Jan-2019								
Environmental Re-validation of CEQA Clearance <sup>(1)</sup>	Jun-2019	Jan-2020								
Final Design - Plans, Specifications, and Estimates (PS&E) <sup>(1)</sup>	Feb-2019	Jul-2021								
Right-of-Way <sup>(2)</sup>	Nov-2019	Jun-2021								
Complete PS&E		Jul-2021								
Construction <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	Aug-2021	Dec-2023								
Open to Traffic		Dec-2023								
Closeout	Jan-2024	Dec-2024								

Notes:

(1) Concurrent activities

(2) Funding not identified, schedule is tentative and subject to change.

(3) Include construction contract procurement period





# US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvement - Phase 1

## Scope of Work

ITEM	Start	Finish	Duration (Months)	2019												2020											
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<u>Environmental Clearance</u>																											
Data Collection and Review	Feb-19	Mar-19	2	<div></div>																							
Traffic analysis for Option A (New Bridge) and Option B (Direct Ramp)	Apr-19	Jun-19	3	<div></div>																							
Geometric Development/ Design Exceptions	Jul-19	Oct-19	4	<div></div>																							
Re-evaluation of Environmental Technical Studies	Apr-19	Mar-20	12	<div></div>												<div></div>											
Re-evaluation of CEQA	Jun-19	Jan-20	8	<div></div>												<div></div>											
<u>SR 152 Concept Development</u>	Feb-19	Jan-20	12	<div></div>												<div></div>											
<u>Preliminary Engineering</u>																											
Mapping	Feb-19	May-19	4	<div></div>																							
35% PS&E	Jul-19	Jun-20	12	<div></div>												<div></div>											

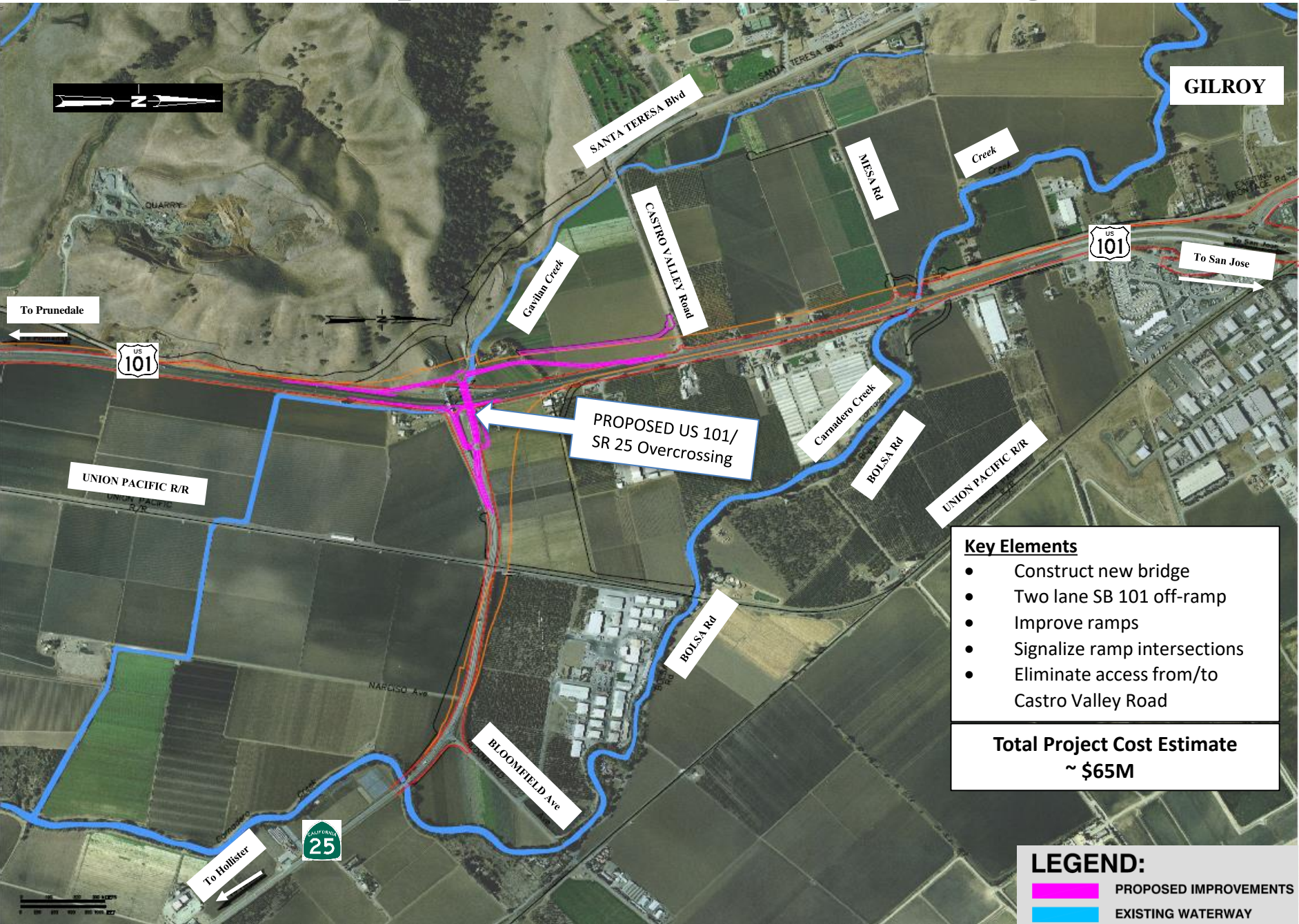


# Funding Options for Future Phases

Local/State Fund Sources (CEQA only required)	Federal Fund Sources (NEPA required)
Measure B – requires 10% minimum ‘local’ contribution	Federal Freight Corridor Grants
Vehicle Registration Fee (VRF) Program – Local Being used to backstop Measure B for SB 1 funds	State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) - if greater than \$10M
SB 1 – State funds	Federal Earmark (\$2.86M from SR 152/156 Improvements Project)



# US 101/SR 25 IC Imp Phase 1 – Option A (New Bridge)



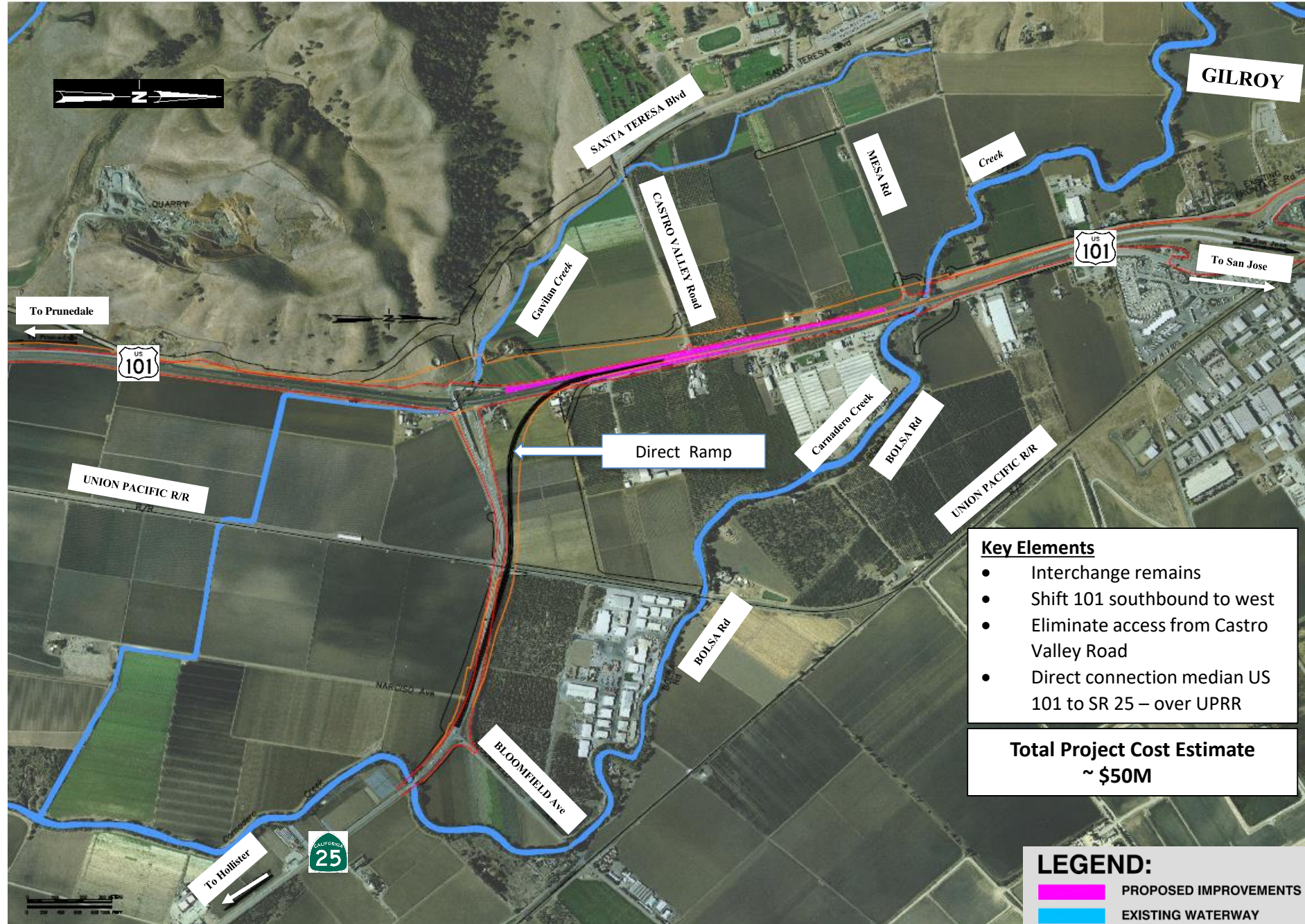
- Key Elements**
- Construct new bridge
  - Two lane SB 101 off-ramp
  - Improve ramps
  - Signalize ramp intersections
  - Eliminate access from/to Castro Valley Road

**Total Project Cost Estimate**  
~ \$65M

**LEGEND:**

	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
	EXISTING WATERWAY





- Key Elements**
- Interchange remains
  - Shift 101 southbound to west
  - Eliminate access from Castro Valley Road
  - Direct connection median US 101 to SR 25 – over UPRR

**Total Project Cost Estimate**  
~ \$50M

**LEGEND:**

	PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS
	EXISTING WATERWAY

# Work Plan Status

## Agenda Item 8

# Work Plan Status – September 18, 2018

Agenda Item 8

Original Work Plan Element	Status	Next Action
1. Review Alignment Concepts for SR 152	Two Alternative Corridors defined: “PSR corridor” (north alignment) and “Southern corridor” per July 19, 2016 meeting. Work on hold pending funding. VTA RFP will include task(s) to further develop southern alignment in coordination with SR 25 work.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select consultant for conceptual work.</li> <li>Develop “Southern Corridor” to better define geometry and identify/assess impacts/cost. Pending clarity on first phase at US 101/SR 25 Interchange.</li> </ul>
2. Assess Potential Near-term Funding Opportunities	Potential Funding for US 101/SR 25 I/C from Santa Clara County Measure B Sales Tax Measure November 2016. CTC approval of SB 1 fund allocation on 8/16/2018 for US 101/SR 25 IC. San Benito County Future Sales Tax. Still working to re-allocate remaining SR 152/156 earmark dollars to SR 152 Trade Corridor. Will continue to assess all funding options for future phases.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider FASTLANE, BUILD or other grant options</li> <li>Consider future SB 1 programs for next phases</li> <li>Develop and monitor opportunities for Phase 1 construction dollars and future SR 152 environmental phase.</li> </ul>
3. Workshop on Institutional/Governance Topics	Received report(s) for MP meetings conducted on the following 2016 dates: March 9, May 11, July 19, September 14, and November 9; 2017 dates: August 16, October 11; 2018 date: February 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review governance concepts in 2019.</li> </ul>
4. Coordinate with High Speed Rail	Received report at May 11, 2016 meeting. Regular updates provided. HSR supportive of improving SR 152 to provide access to Gilroy Station, but does not see nexus to help fund from HSR funds. Southerly SR 152 provides less obvious opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop more formal support from HSRA for use in discussions with State Legislators. Dependent on more clarity for SR 152 corridor.</li> </ul>
5. Establish and implement Outreach Plan	Draft Plan presented at September 14, 2016. Report on initial outreach at November 9, 2016 MP meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider next steps in 2019 when Phase 1 is more clearly defined.</li> </ul>
6. Assess Options for Delivering SR 152 Trade Corridor and SR 25 improvements	Discussion held at July 19, 2016 MP meeting that full funding from public funds not likely. Presentation on P3 basics part of September 14, 2016 MP meeting. P3 Agreement likely best approach for SR 152 between US 101 and SR 156.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redefine limits/expectations of SR 152 Trade Corridor and potential P3 project. Coordinate with SR 25 work.</li> <li>Develop scheme for SR 25/SR 152 alignments in coordination with US 101/SR 25 IC.</li> </ul>
7. Define Phase 1 Project and Secure Funding	SR 152 Trade Corridor consultant contract expired on 12/31/2017. RFP for new consultant being developed. Funding sources have specific requirements associated therewith (SB 1; Measure B; STATE; EARMARK).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare RFP package for PA/ED Phase[Q3,2018]</li> <li>Secure construction funding.</li> </ul>
8. Lobby State and Federal Legislators on project importance	Leveraging SB 1 application to prepare talking piece for MP members to use when discussing with State and Federal officials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize 1 to 2-page project sheet highlighting purpose, needs, and benefits.</li> <li>Meet with MTC, AMBAG and SR 237 stakeholders to see if model exists to follow.</li> </ul>



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# Questions