Valley Transportation Authority

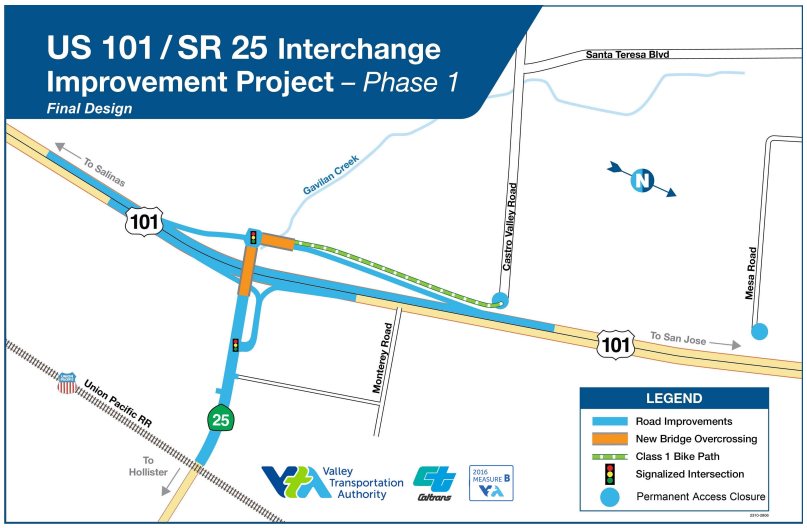
FACT SHEET: Highways

US 101/SR 25 Interchange - Phase 1

Overview

The existing US 101/SR 25 interchange, located just south of Gilroy in Santa Clara County, is over thirty years old. It cannot accommodate traffic demands due to rapid growth in commuter, commercial, and recreational traffic that passes through this area. These conditions, coupled with high travel speeds, have resulted in higher-than-average accident rates in the interchange area, and traffic backups onto southbound US 101.

This Phase 1 project sets the stage for future implementation of the overall interchange reconfiguration slightly north of the current interchange. Phase 1 will accommodate future improvements to US 101, SR 25, SR 152, and provide a connection point at the interchange for a future Santa Teresa Boulevard extension to Castro Valley Road.



Objectives

- Improve connectivity between US 101 and SR 25
- Improve traffic operations along US 101 and SR 25 with added ramp storage & signals
- Enhance safety within the interchange area by reducing ramp backups onto southbound US 101 and provide improved access for safer merges
- Support the overall future interchange reconfiguration, including US 101 and SR 25 widening, and future SR 152 improvements between US 101 and SR 156

Project Features

Phase 1 will reconstruct the US 101/SR 25 interchange slightly north of the current interchange.

- Replace the SR 25 two-lane overcrossing with a four-lane overcrossing spanning across US 101
- Increase the length of the southbound US 101 off-ramp to SR 25 to decrease traffic back-ups onto US 101
- Upgrade the northbound US 101 ramps to improve the exit and merging operations
- Install new traffic signals at the ramp intersections to improve traffic flow

As additional funding becomes available, future phases of interchange improvements will be scheduled. These future upgrades include converting the interchange to a partial cloverleaf or diamond ramp configuration with potential direct connectors, frontage roads for local and bicycle access, and grade separating SR 25 from the Union Pacific Railroad east of US101.

The overall project is included in the Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) 2040 Highway Program.

Project Schedule

Environmental Approval	2019 – 2022
Design Completion	2019 – 2024
Project Construction	2025 – 2028

Funding

The total cost for Phase 1 is estimated to be approximately $136 million for design, environmental updates, right-of-way property acquisitions, and construction. The project will be funded with a combination of VTA 2016 Measure B funds, and State SB-1 funds.

Funding Partners

VTA · Caltrans · SBCOG Council of San Benito County Governments · The County of Santa Clara · 2016 Measure B

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