



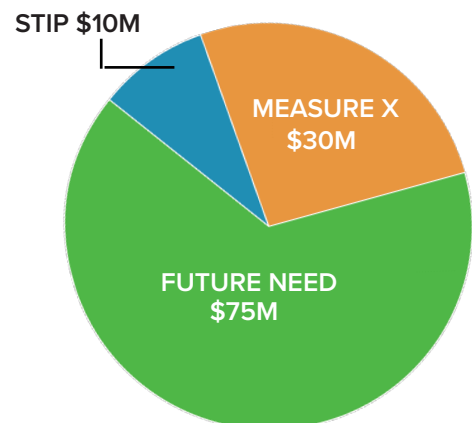
PROJECT SCOPE

This project will improve safety for residents, travelers, agricultural employees, and improve traffic flow along 5.5 miles of US 101 from South of Salinas to Chualar. US 101 is the primary artery along the Central Coast and is vital to statewide commerce. This busy corridor provides access from California’s Central Coast agricultural operations to markets around the country and provides a link from Southern California to the Monterey Peninsula. The Transportation Agency is working with Caltrans and the community to create a set of projects to address safety issues along this critical agricultural route. The proposed projects include the reconstruction of the existing interchange at Abbott Street, upgrades to the Chualar interchange, and a network of new frontage roads that will eliminate the need to make left turns across the highway at uncontrolled intersections.



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PROJECT FUNDING: \$115M



SALINAS



HIGHWAY US 101 SOUTH OF SALINAS

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Reduces collision rates and serious injuries by eliminating 12 at-grade intersections
- Addresses safety issues at the Abbott Street interchange that currently has a non-standard configuration where vehicles exit and enter from the lane closest to the median
- Upgrades Chualar interchange to serve new frontage roads and improve traffic flow
- Improves access to the growing agricultural industry and supports business activity along US 101
- Improves interregional travel along a primary link between northern and southern California
- Facilitates movement of 185,000 tons of produce to market, supporting Monterey County's \$3.9 billion per year agricultural industry
- Allows oversized vehicles to safely accelerate/decelerate from US 101 to access side streets, eliminating non-standard lanes
- Improves safety for visitors that support Monterey County's \$3 billion per year tourist economy
- Promotes social equity by ensuring all socio-economic groups have accessible and equitable transportation service
- Designed with significant community input supported by the South of Salinas US 101 Traffic Safety Alliance

