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Parcel 12252-1**

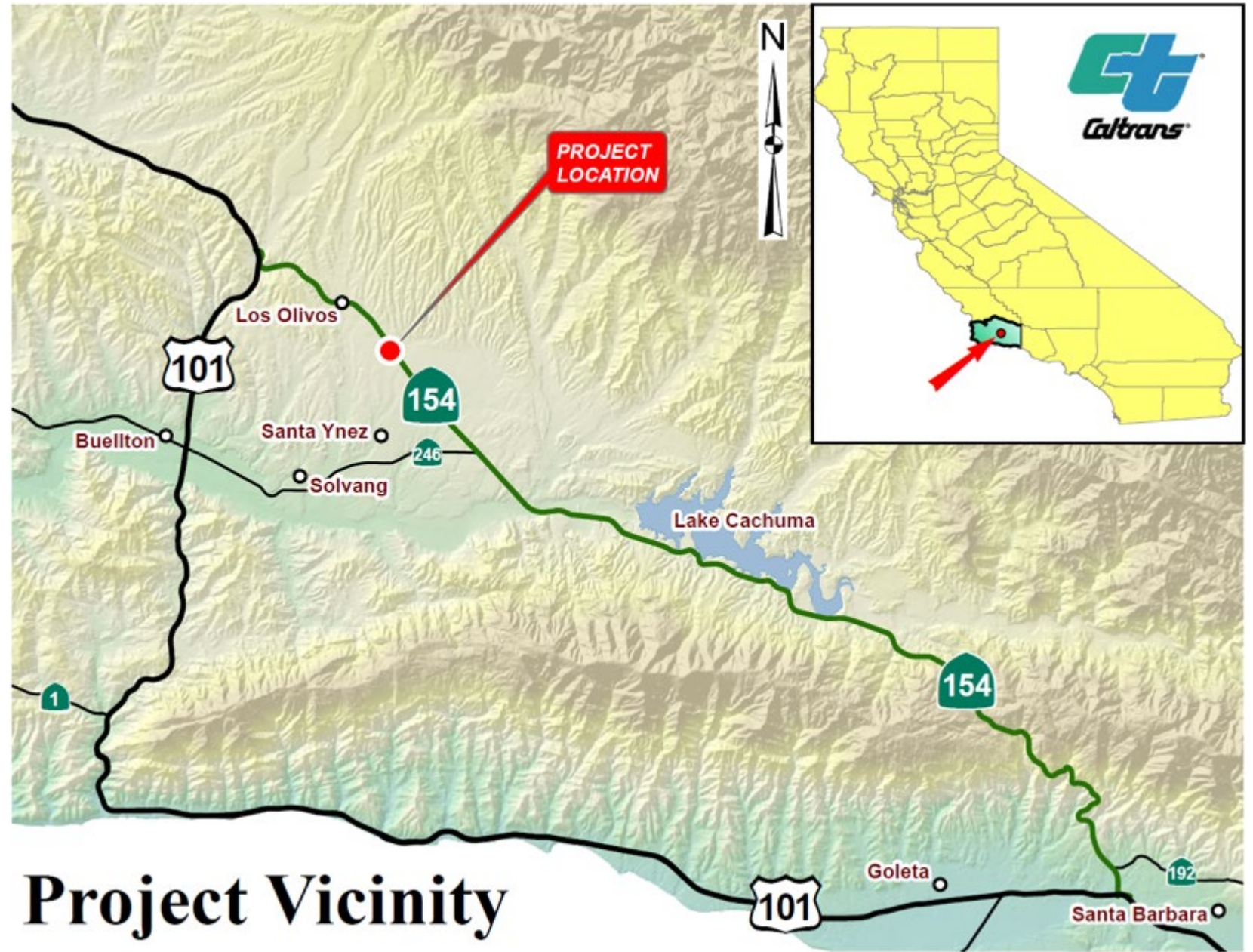
**State Route 154
Santa Barbara County
District 5**

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Presentation Overview

- 1. Project Purpose and Description**
- 2. Four Public Interest Findings**
- 3. Owner Contentions and Department's Response**
- 4. Summary**

Project Vicinity



Project Location



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Existing Roadway



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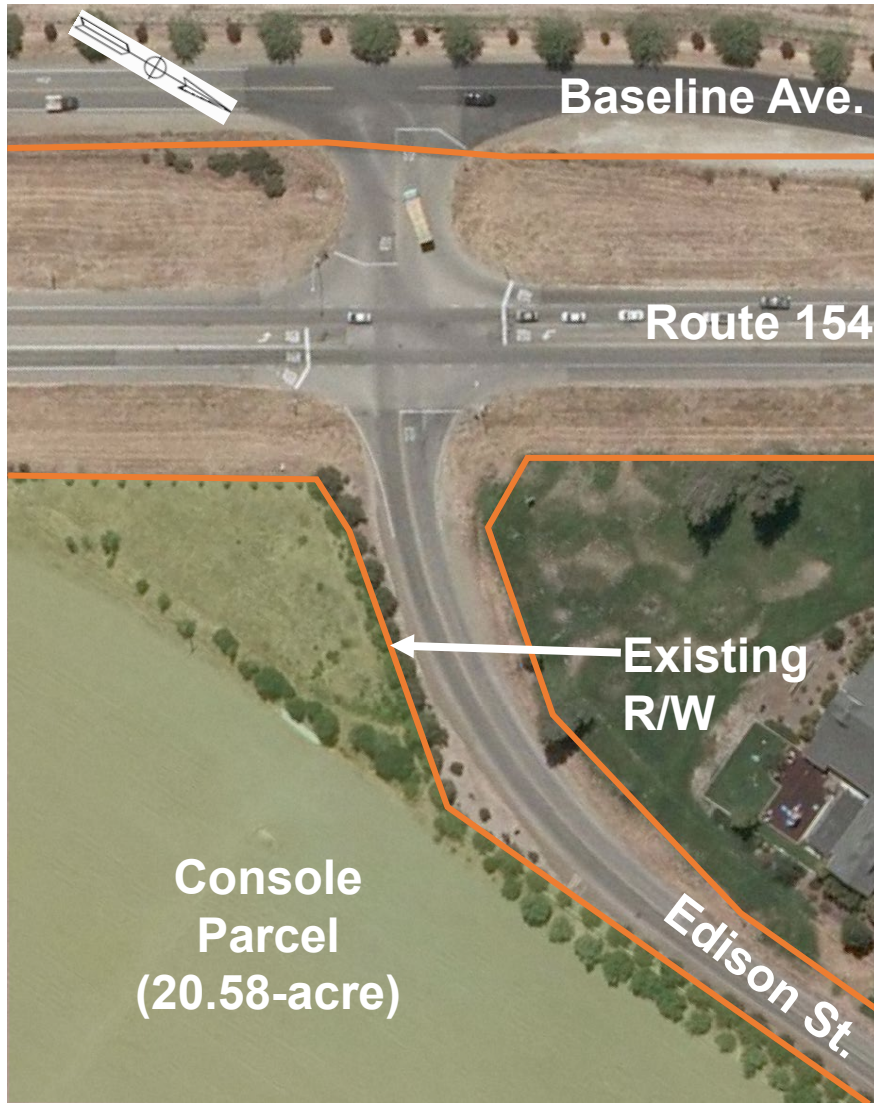


Project Purpose

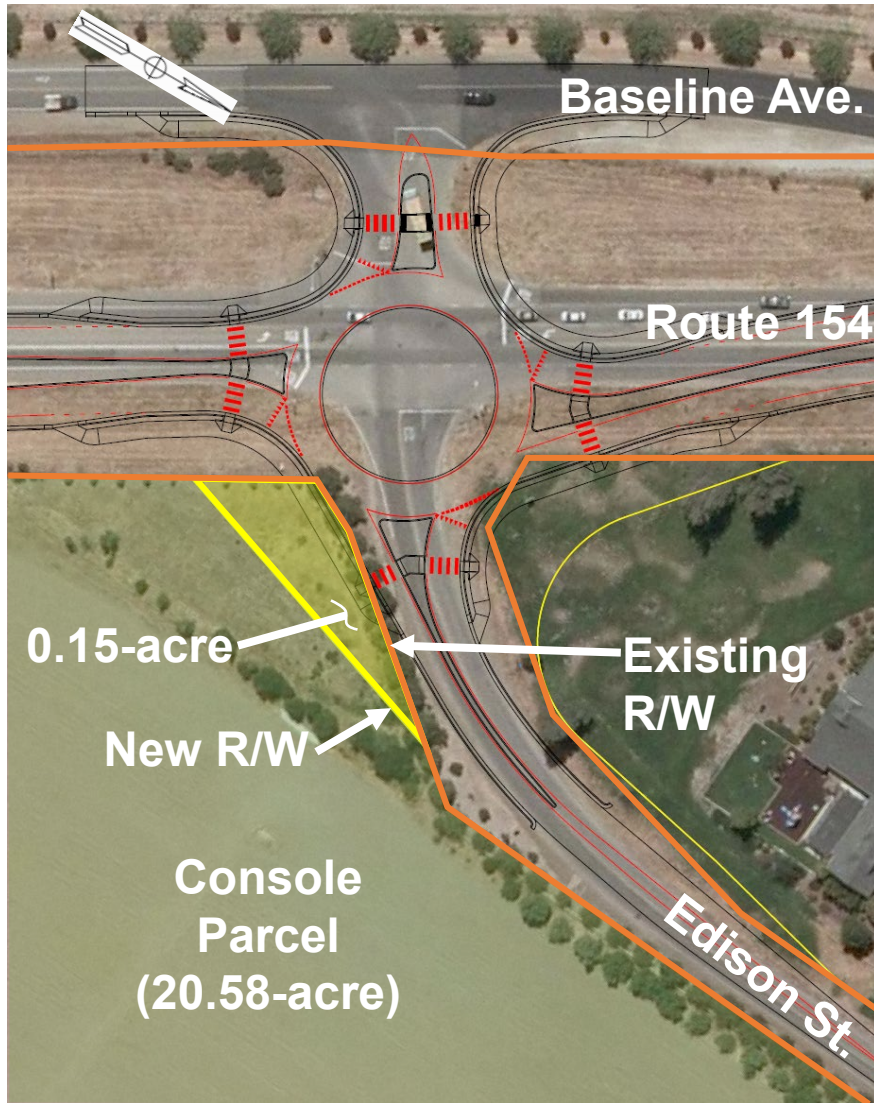
Traffic Operational Improvement Project

- Improve traffic flow and operations
 - Enhance travel time throughout the corridor
 - Reduce congestion and delays
- Improve multi-modal access (bicycle and pedestrian)
- Improve safety
 - Data period: 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2014
 - Collisions are 1.25 times the statewide average for similar facilities
 - Fatal and Injury collisions are 1.5 times the statewide average for similar facilities
 - Roundabouts improve safety

Traffic Operational Project



Traffic Operational Project



Roundabout

- Continuous traffic flow through the intersection
- Improves safety
- Reduce both the severity and frequency of collisions

Statutory Findings

Code of Civil Procedure 1245.230

- 1. The public interest and necessity require the proposed project.**
- 2. This project is planned and located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.**
- 3. The property sought to be condemned is necessary for the proposed project.**
- 4. An offer of just compensation has been made in accordance with Government Code 7267.2.**

Statutory Findings

1. The public interest and necessity require the proposed project.

Traffic Operational Improvement Project

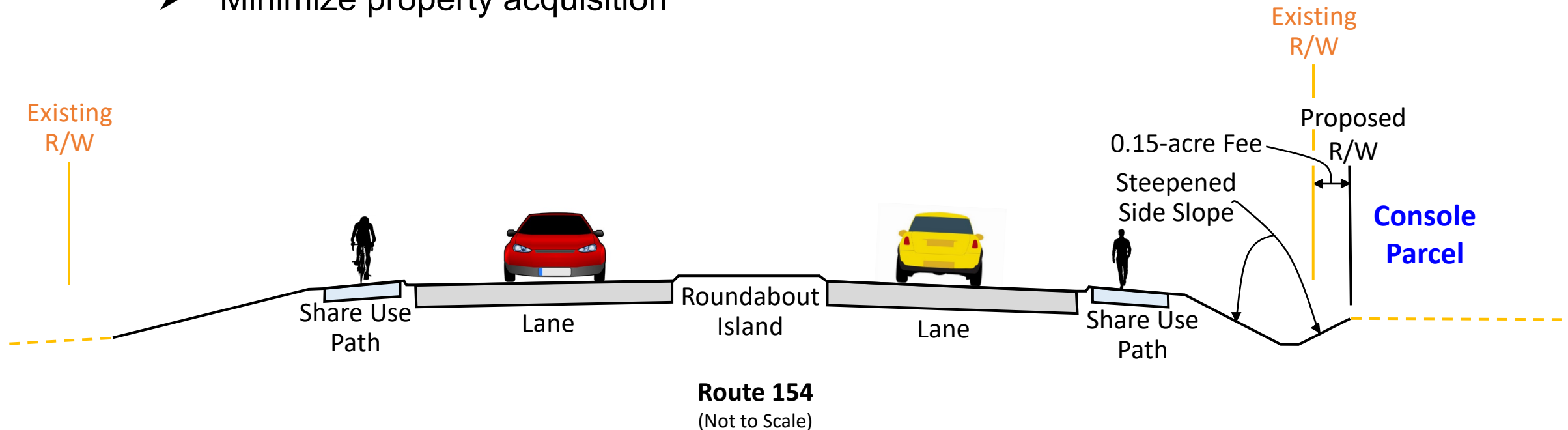
- Santa Ynez Valley Community Plan (2009)
- Caltrans Intersection Control Evaluation (2017)
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)
 - SBCAG's Santa Ynez Valley Traffic Circulation and Safety Study (2020)

Statutory Findings

2. The project is planned or located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

Traffic Operational Improvement Project

- Designed and located to minimize impacts
 - Accommodate roadside drainage
 - Minimize property acquisition

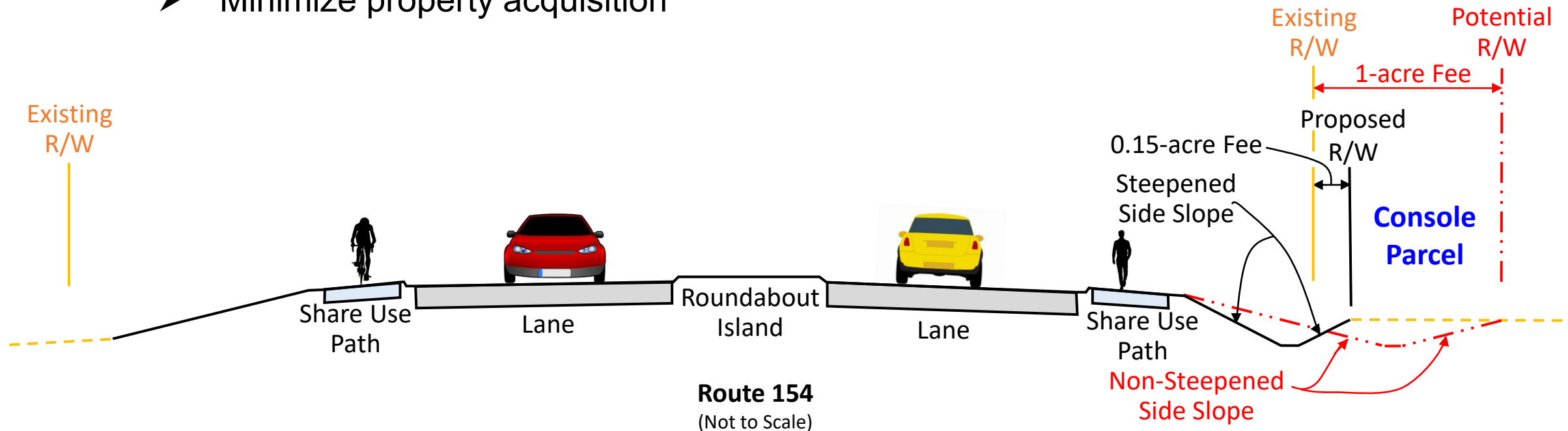


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Statutory Findings

3. The property sought to be condemned is necessary for the proposed project.

Traffic Operational Improvement Project

- Various options were analyzed
 - Existing configuration to remain
 - Signalized intersection
 - Relocate intersection
 - Various roundabout configurations
- Roundabout option with least amount of property impact was selected

Statutory Findings

4. An offer of just compensation has been made in accordance with Government Code 7267.2.

Offer Made: March 4, 2022

Related to the findings of the Commission:

1. The public interest and necessity require the proposed project.

PROPERTY OWNER CONTENTS:

Project is not necessary.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

The project improvements are necessary to improve traffic flow and safety.

Baseline Avenue and Edison Street cannot be realigned.

Related to the findings of the Commission:

2. The project is planned or located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

PROPERTY OWNER CONTENTS:

There was no public meeting held for this project. The project was designed without his input.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

Project does not require public meeting under CEQA/NEPA.

Three public meetings and a bus tour were held through SBCAG for Santa Ynez Valley Traffic Circulation and Safety Study (June 2020).

Related to the findings of the Commission:

2. The project is planned or located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

PROPERTY OWNER CONTENTS:

Instead of a roundabout, install a traffic signal.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

Multiple project alternatives were analyzed, including a traffic signal.

Roundabout was selected for:

- **Operational efficiency and safety**
- **Minimum property and environmental impacts**
- **Consistent with**
 - **Santa Ynez Community Plan (2009)**
 - **SBCAG Santa Ynez Valley Traffic Circulation and Safety Study (June 2020)**

Related to the findings of the Commission:

2. The project is planned or located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.

PROPERTY OWNER CONTENTS:

The project will create more dust, fumes, and noise and State's proposals to mitigate for the trees to be removed are not sufficient.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

Project follows environmental policies and use best practices.

Roundabout reduces air pollution.

Tree replacement project will replace trees and mimic existing visual and noise breaks.

- **Number of new trees is more than double than minimally required**
- **Size of new trees is more than double than minimally required**

Related to the findings of the Commission:

3. The property sought to be condemned is necessary for the proposed project.

PROPERTY OWNER CONTENTS:

The subject property is not required for the project.

DEPARTMENT RESPONSE:

The location of the roundabout was designed through an analysis.

The roundabout balances the following constraints:

- **Spread acquisitions amongst two parcels**
- **Roadside drainage**
- **Slow entry speeds**
- **Minimize property acquisition**

Related to the findings of the Commission:

4. An offer of just compensation has been made in accordance with Government Code 7267.2.

Property owner does not contest.

Offer of just compensation was made on March 4, 2022

Summary

1. The public interest and necessity require the proposed project.
Yes.
2. This project is planned and located in a manner that will be most compatible with the greatest public good and least private injury.
Yes.
3. The property sought to be condemned is necessary for the proposed project. **Yes.**
4. An offer of just compensation has been made in accordance with Government Code 7267.2. **Yes.**