

Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor

Solutions for Congested Corridors Program (SCCP)



Joint Nomination by
Caltrans and SBCAG



B. FACT SHEET

Project Scope

The **Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor Project** includes the final 1.7-mile segment (4E North) and a package of multimodal improvements focused on long-term congestion relief in the U.S. 101 corridor between Santa Barbara County and Ventura County. The Project is ready for construction and will reduce congestion, improve safety and sustainability, and incentivize alternative modes to enhance the quality of life for the greater Santa Barbara region. The Project consists of the following components:

U.S. 101 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Segment 4E North - Final Segment Hermosillo to Sycamore Creek

- Add a peak-period HOV lane from Hermosillo Road to Sycamore Creek
- Interchange reconstruction, two new Highway 101 bridges, replacement of two existing left-hand off-ramps with standard right-hand off-ramps, and adding a new southbound 101 on-ramp
- Closure of non-standard Los Patos off-ramp
- Pedestrian, curb ramp, and bike lane improvements
- New roundabout at Cabrillo Boulevard and northbound ramps



Santa Barbara Eastside Active Transportation Improvements

- Provide sidewalk improvements, crosswalks, curb extensions, and improved street lighting and pedestrian infrastructure at several locations in Santa Barbara's Eastside Neighborhood, a disadvantaged community. These improvements provide safe and critical access to schools and neighborhood services in this freeway-adjacent neighborhood.

Cabrillo Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements and Replacement of UPRR Bridge

The improvements being made as part of this project include:

- Replacing the narrow and substandard UPRR bridge with a new, wider bridge that accommodates pedestrian and bicycle facilities under the bridge's undercrossing along Cabrillo Boulevard, as well as a southbound turn lane, between the future interchange of Cabrillo Boulevard with US-101 and the intersection of Cabrillo Boulevard and Los Patos Way. Without this Project, there would be a significant gap in walking and biking infrastructure between the Corridor Project and City of Santa Barbara's active transportation network, in addition to a gap in the Region's Coast Route and State's Coastal Trail. With the local and regional connections, the Eastside neighborhood, a disadvantaged community, now has access to the waterfront, which provides access to the beach, recreation, jobs, and Santa Barbara City College. The new UPRR bridge, would also accommodate an additional track should UPRR expand rail service in the future.

VCTC Coastal Express Zero Emission Buses

The Project will include the purchase of three zero-emission buses for Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to provide interregional travel to support agency, regional, and state climate change goals by reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

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City of Santa Barbara Zero Emission Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

The Project will include the installation of eight DC fast chargers at the Cabrillo East Parking Lot in City of Santa Barbara to support zero emission vehicles by providing access to chargers for visitors and residents, especially those without access to home charging options.

Background

Project Cost

Funding Source	Amount (\$ Millions)
SB Requested	\$136.7
Local Partnership Requested	\$25
SCCP Requested	\$100.1
Total	\$262.7

Project Schedule

All proposed Cycle 4 projects are ready to receive a construction allocation in fiscal years 2025/26 and 2026/27. Depending upon funding, construction will begin in March 2026 for Segment 4E North and Zero Emission Vehicle Charging Infrastructure. The Santa Barbara Eastside Active Transportation improvements will begin construction in November 2027. Construction will begin in Fall 2026 for Cabrillo Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

Project	Construction Timeline
4E North	March 2026
Zero Emission Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	March 2026
Eastside Active Transportation Improvements	Fall 2026
Cabrillo Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements	Fall 2026
VCTC Zero Emission Buses	Fall 2026

Project Benefits

- Removes vehicles from U.S. 101 by incentivizing **travel by transit and carpooling**.
- Facilitates movement of goods by truck, supporting Santa Barbara County's total gross production value of \$1.9 billion in agricultural products per year and providing food security.
- Includes **\$108 million in travel time savings and reliability** over the next 20 years, along with saving **\$426,000 in vehicle operational cost** for freight and passenger vehicles over a 20-year period.
- Creates approximately **\$342 million in total savings to the freight industry, the public, and commuters**.
- **Generates 2,129 jobs** to assist in the recovery of the state and national economy due to the recent impacts of COVID-19.
- Projected **reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions of 2,600 tons (equating to \$153,000 in cost savings)** over the next 20 years.
- Benefits disadvantaged and low-income communities by providing more reliable transit routes through the utilization of the new HOV lanes for those without personal vehicles. Fewer emissions from stopped traffic and new ZEV busses will improve environmental health. Safer multimodal options will also lead to reduced transportation costs and social equity.
- Provides a benefit-cost (BC) ratio of 1.65.