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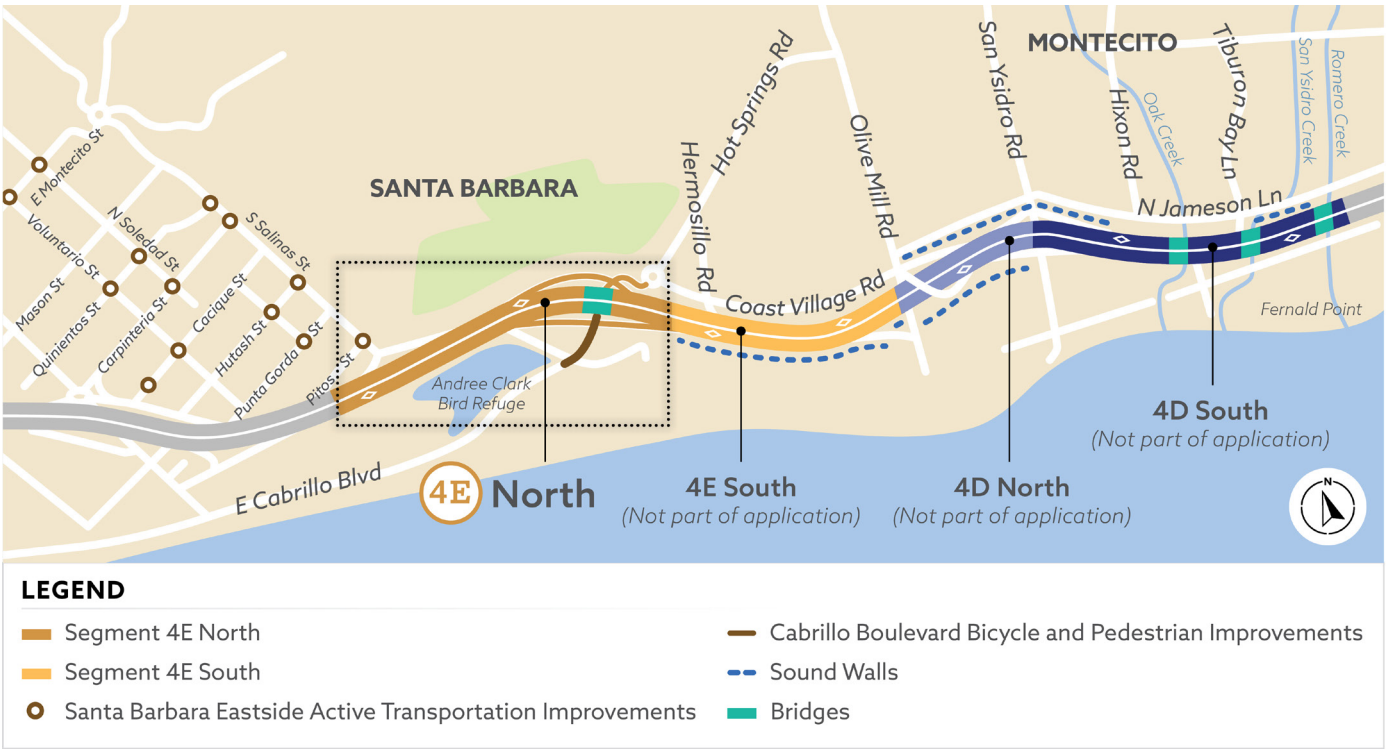
B. FACT SHEET

Project Scope

The Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor Project includes a package of multimodal improvements focused on long-term congestion relief in the U.S. 101 corridor between Santa Barbara 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

- Add a peak period HOV lane from Hermosillo Road to Sycamore Creek.
- Interchange reconstruction, replacing two existing left hand off ramps with standard ramps
- Closure of isolated off ramp, with nonstandard vertical clearance
- Addition of south bound on ramp

Santa Barbara Eastside Active Transportation Improvements

- Provide sidewalk improvements, crosswalks, curb extensions, and improved street lighting and pedestrian infrastructure at several locations on the eastside of Santa Barbara.

Cabrillo Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements

- The improvements will close a major gap in bicycle infrastructure and provide a safe connection to coastal recreational areas and beaches for bicyclists. The Project also includes the replacement of a UPRR overcrossing which will help accommodate the bicycle improvements along Cabrillo and provide for state of good repair and future double tracking to accommodate goods movement and transit alternatives.

Santa Barbara U.S. 101 Multimodal Corridor
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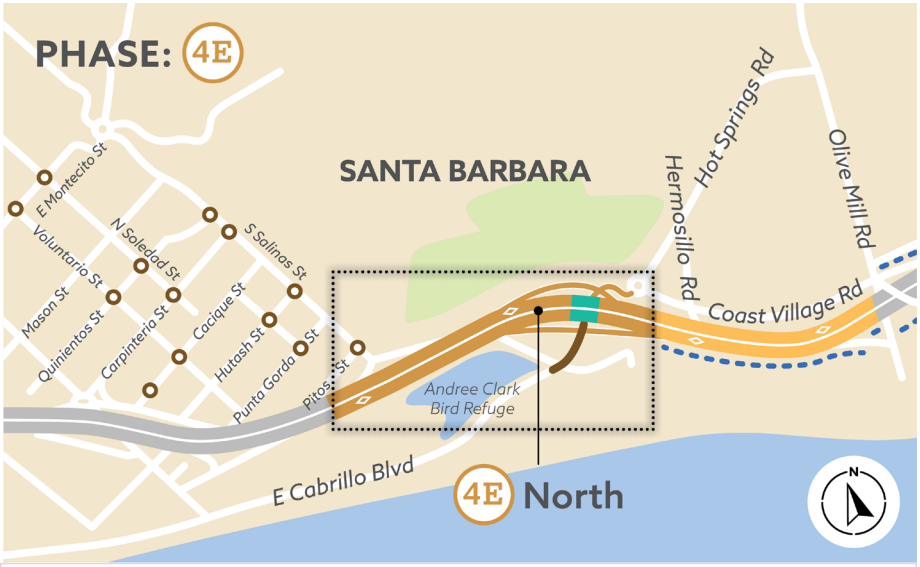
Once all corridor HOV segments are completed, U.S. 101 will have a continuous thirty-mile, three-lane facility in each direction stretching from State Route (SR) 33 in Ventura County to Fairview Avenue in the City of Goleta.

Background

The Project team considered transportation equity in the Project's development through targeted outreach to all local and regional communities and continues to keep the surrounding neighbors of the corridor informed about the overall multimodal corridor's progress. The construction of the HOV lanes will reduce congestion and delays for freight and passenger vehicles, increase the viability of transit, incentivize carpooling, and address the existing bottleneck location in the corridor.



Project Cost

The total Project cost is $213.7 million. The total SCCP requested amount is $120 million. SBCAG is also submitting a request of $25 million for the Local Partnership Program – Competitive Program for Segment 4E North to fully fund this request.

Project Schedule

All proposed improvements are shovel ready and ready for construction allocation in fiscal years 2023/24 and 2024/25. Depending upon funding, construction will begin in November 2024 for Segment 4E North and Santa Barbara Eastside Active transportation improvements. Construction will begin in June 2025 for Cabrillo Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements.

Project Benefits

- Removes vehicles from U.S. 101 by **encouraging 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 **$203 million in travel time savings and reliability** over the next twenty years, while saving **$314 thousand in vehicle operational cost** for freight and passenger vehicles over a twenty-year period.
- Creates approximately **$424 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 2,971 tons (equating to $175 thousand in cost savings)** over the next twenty years.
- Benefits disadvantaged and low-income communities by providing more reliable transit routes (utilizing the new HOV lanes) for those without personal vehicles.
- Provides a benefit-cost (BC) ratio of 2.89.