

2024 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

Fact Sheet¹

Executive Summary

An executive summary of the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) highlighting the region's top priorities (ref. Section 1 from the 2024 RTIP Template). Summary may include but not limited to: a list of projects with changes and estimated completion dates and a map.

The Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) is the agency responsible for developing the RTIP for Ventura County working cooperatively with Caltrans and local agencies. For the 2024 RTIP, VCTC proposes to program an additional \$1,343,000 for planning, programming and monitoring (PPM) and \$4,667,000 for the Camarillo Central Avenue Bike Lanes project. Under VCTC's adopted policy, the US 101 Improvement project is Ventura County's priority for STIP funds. Without a source of local funds, the STIP provides a relatively small portion of what is required for the full project. Nevertheless, the objective is to accumulate STIP funds and apply them to "Early Action" items for the US 101 project. Therefore, VCTC proposes to carry over the unprogrammed RTIP amount of \$100,797,000 for future use on the US 101 project. The US 101 environmental clearance is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed near the end of 2024, thus allowing the nomination of a specific "Early Action" improvement phase for the 2026 STIP.



¹ The fact sheet (one- or two-page) will be posted on the Commission's website and must comply with state and federal web accessibility laws and standards.

Benefits

A summary of the most significant benefits the proposed RTIP will provide to the region(s), including the safety, environment, equity, and economic benefits to the community (ref. Section 12, 14, 15, and 16 from the 2024 RTIP Template).

The Camarillo Central Ave Bike Lanes project is expected to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve bicycle safety. US 101 improvements will reduce congestion, travel time and accidents, and improve mobility and travel time reliability. SB 535 disadvantaged and AB 1550 low-income communities located along the US 101 project segment will benefit from the improvements. Regionally, US 101 is a critical part of the local mobility and economic well-being of Ventura County. Known as Ventura County's "Main Street", US 101 serves as a conduit between Ventura County workers and jobs. Half of all population and jobs in the County are concentrated along US 101 and workers travel across the corridor to reach jobs in the cities of Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, and Thousand Oaks. Tens of thousands of US 101 corridor residents working beyond the County boundaries commute daily on US 101.

Goals and Objectives

A description of how the RTIP is advancing the goals and objectives of the Regional Transportation Plan and, where applicable, the Sustainable Communities Strategy (ref. Section 12 from the 2024 RTIP Template) as well as other regional plans, such as Regional Bicycle Plans and the Comprehensive Multimodal Corridor Plans.

The US 101 Improvements project and the Central Avenue Bike Lanes project are identified in the Connect SoCal Regional Transportation Plan as a transportation strategy to achieve the goals of the SCAG region. The region boasts one of the most comprehensive HOV lane systems but there are gaps that must be closed: the US 101 Improvement project will close a 27-mile gap in the region's HOV lane network. The Camarillo Central Avenue Bike Lanes project will increase alternative modes of travel reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Both projects are identified in regional and local planning documents including the Ventura County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (2022) and the US 101 Communities Connected Study (December 2020).

A description of how the RTIP aligns with the State's goals regarding plans such as the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI), Caltrans Race and Equity Action Plan (REAP), California Freight Mobility Plan (CFMP), etc.

The Camarillo Central Avenue Bike Lanes project aligns with the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure because it promotes increase use of active modes of transportation by constructing 0.32 Class II bicycle lane-miles to close a gap. The US 101 Improvement project aligns with the California Freight Mobility Plan because it promotes system resiliency by eliminating bottlenecks and enhances global competitiveness by improving travel time through the corridor. Caltrans has designated US 101 in Ventura County a Priority Interregional Highway and a Strategic Interregional Corridor in the California Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan. US 101 provides access to the Critical Urban Freight Corridor that terminates at the Port of Hueneme, the only deep-water seaport between Los Angeles and the Bay Area.