



## IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

### Project Description

The San Benito Route 156 Improvement Project will construct 5 new miles of 4-lane at-grade expressway from The Alameda in San Juan Bautista to Business Route 156 near Hollister. This project will fill a “gap” in the expressway system, and provide a continuous expressway system from the connection at U.S .101 to the City of Hollister.

San Benito Route 156, an Interregional Strategic Corridor, provides a key east-west link between the Cities of Hollister and San Juan Bautista that connect to the Central Coast, Bay Area and the Central Valley. A key goods movement corridor that carries freight throughout California and the nation. The project will reduce peak hour traffic congestion and save millions in vehicle operating and accident costs.

### Project Benefits

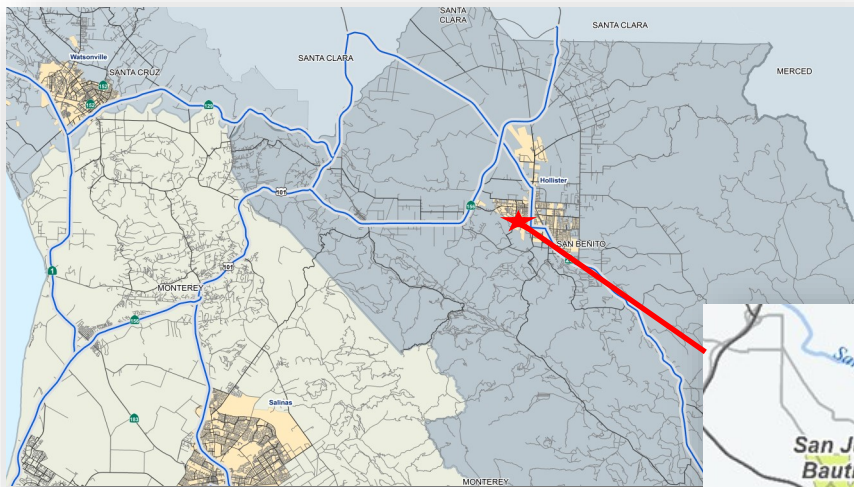
- Saves accident and vehicle operating costs, \$34.6 million over 20 years
- Reduces congestion delay by 1,902 hours daily, 694,257 hours yearly
- Provides \$102.8 million return on investment over 20 years



### Project Cost

Environmental	\$4.7 million
Design	\$9.7 million
Right-of-way	\$26.6 million
Construction:	\$86.9 million
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$127.9 million</b>

The project is fully funded through construction with local developer Traffic Impact Fees, State Interregional Improvement Program funds, and other federal revenue.



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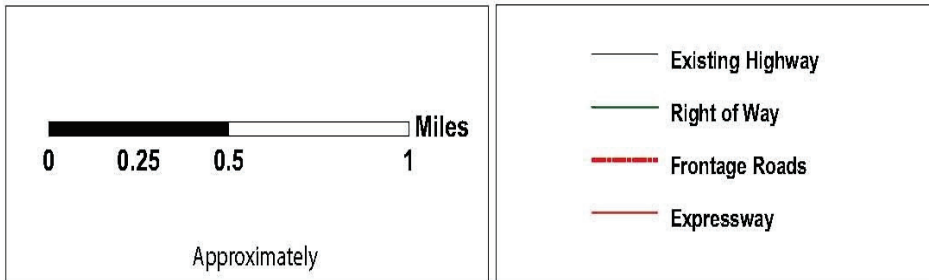
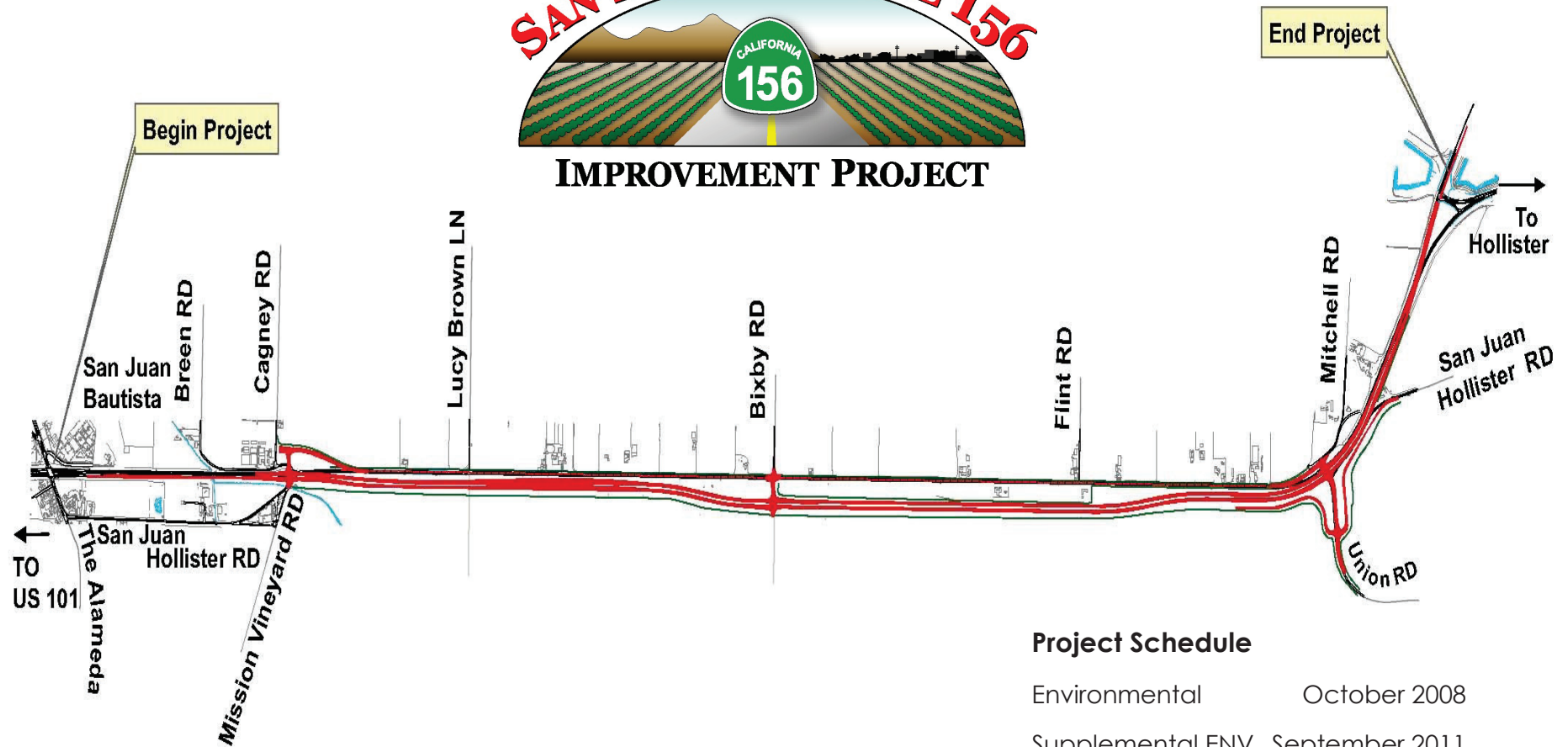
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### Project Schedule

Environmental	October 2008
Supplemental ENV	September 2011
Design/ Right-of-way	October 2020
<b>Construction start</b>	<b>August 2022</b>
Construction end	Fall 2025
Open to public	Fall 2025



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