An aerial photograph of a multi-lane highway crossing a valley. The highway is filled with cars and trucks. The surrounding landscape consists of rolling hills with sparse vegetation and some trees. In the foreground, there are some buildings and more trees.

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Project Information Presentation

Public Scoping Meeting

January 14, 2016

Project Location

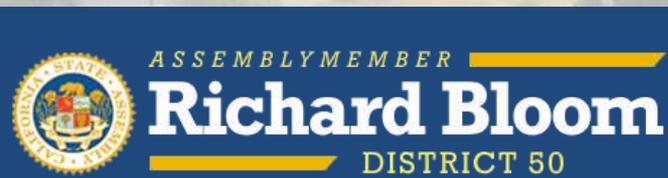
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Partners and Stakeholders



Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority





Purpose and Need



- Purpose: To provide a safe and sustainable passage for wildlife across US-101 near Liberty Canyon Road that reduces wildlife mortality and allows for the movement of animals and the exchange of genetic material.
- Need: US-101 is a barrier to wildlife movement, especially to large mammals needing extensive home ranges. This habitat fragmentation has led to inbreeding, territorial fighting, and a decrease in genetic diversity of these types of mammals. The need for a crossing will only increase as climate change affects species distribution patterns.

Alternatives Originally Considered



Liberty Canyon West & East Crossing Elements Bridge-Tunnel-Underpass-Bridge (RCDSMM)

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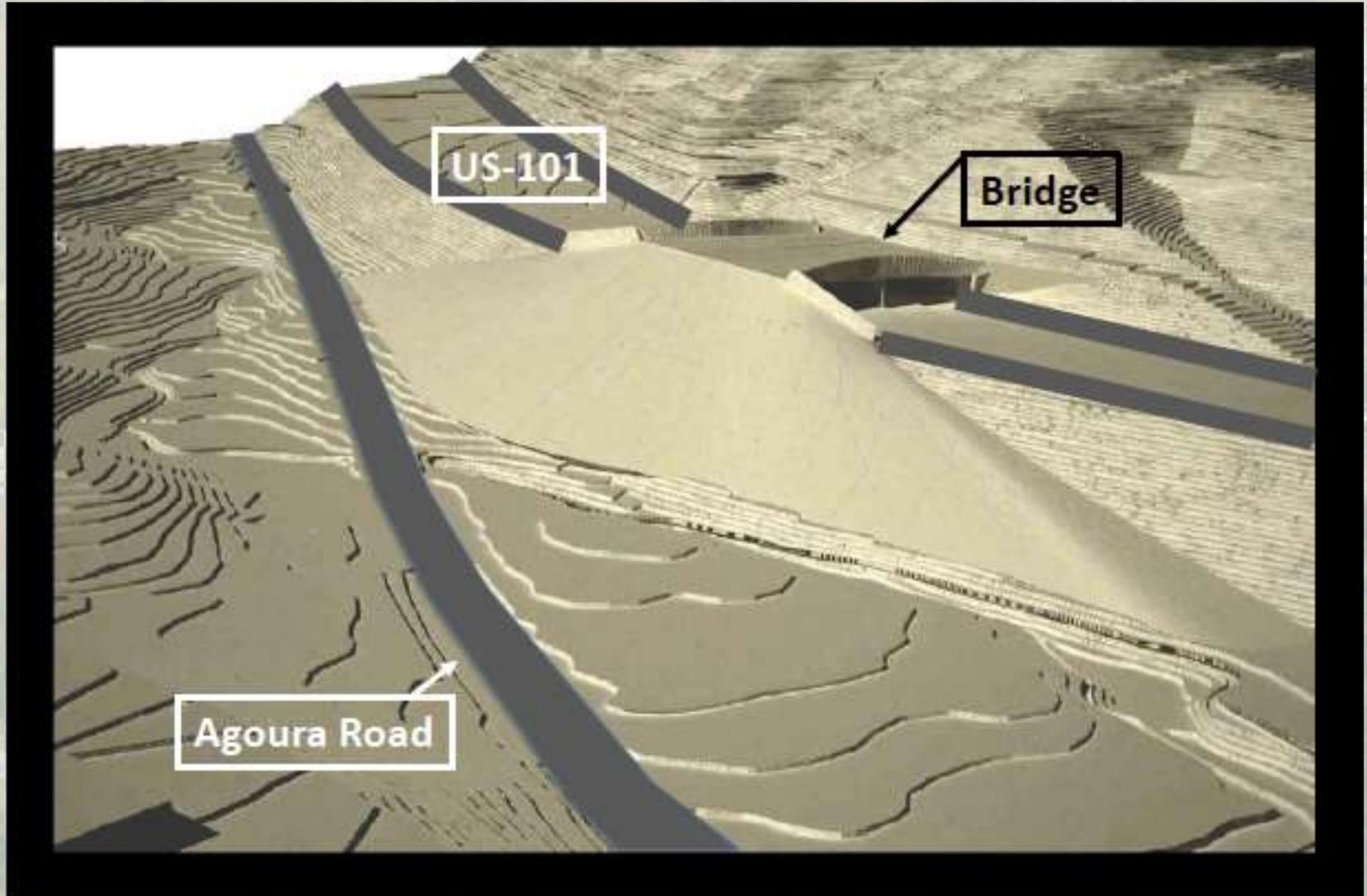
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Alternative 1 – No Build



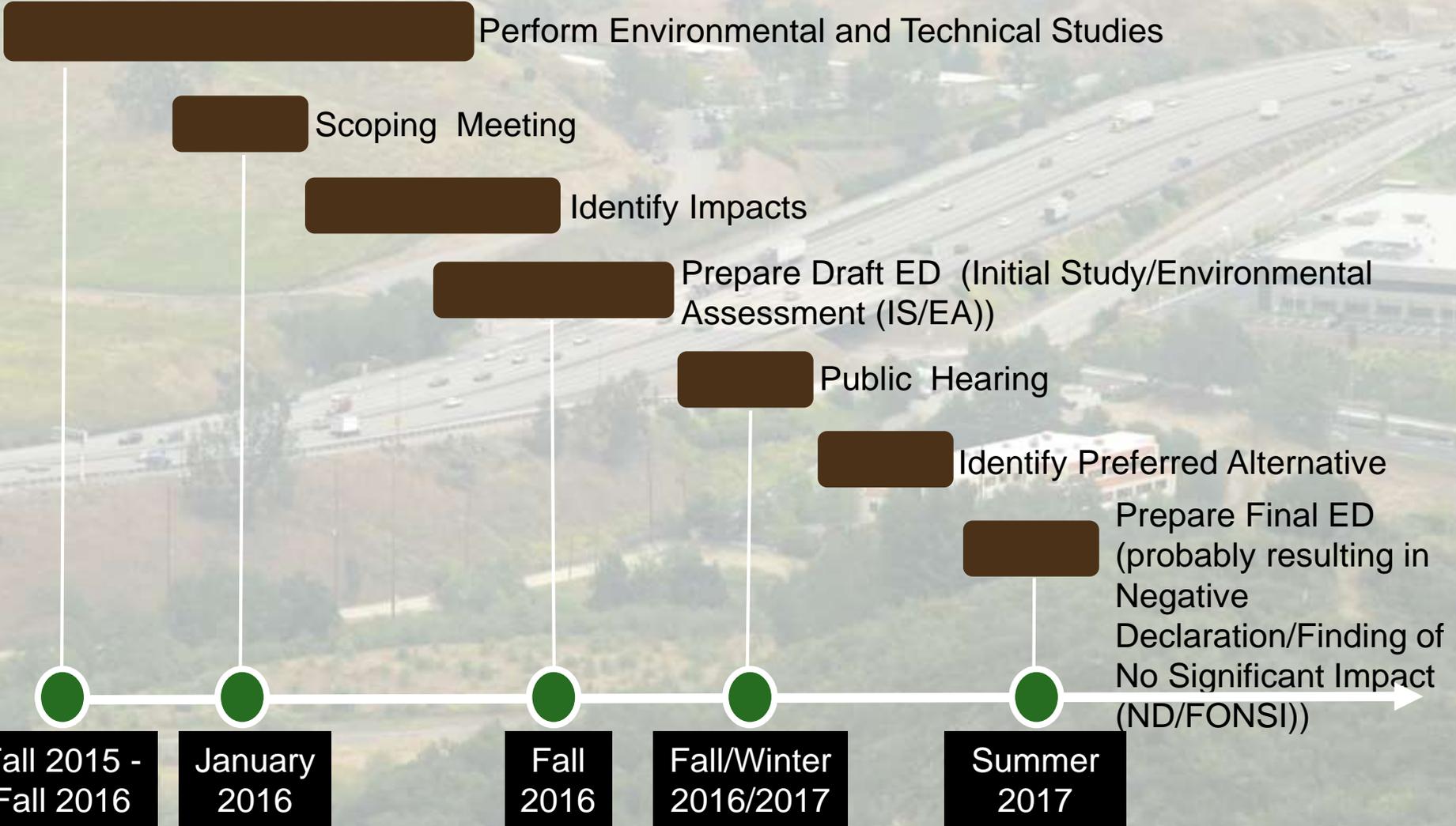
Alternative 2 – Overcrossing over 101 Freeway Only



Alternative 3 – Overcrossing over 101 Freeway and Agoura Road



Environmental Process & Schedule



Environmental and Technical Issues to be Evaluated

- Biological Resources/Wildlife Corridor Impacts
- Archaeological Resources
- Noise Impacts on Wildlife
- Visual/Aesthetics
- Geology/Seismic Impacts
- Hydrology/Riparian Impacts
- Community Impacts
- Architectural/Structural Design
- Construction Impacts
- Utility Impacts

Schedule and Next Steps

- Environmental Document Process: October 2015 to June 2017
 - Public Scoping Meeting: 1/14/16
 - Draft environmental document: Fall 2016
 - Public Hearing: Fall 2016/Winter 2017
 - Final environmental document: June 2017
- Final Design: July 2017 – April 2019*
- Construction: May 2019 – November 2021*

*dependent on funding availability

Project Funding

- \$200,000 granted from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy/Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority for the Project Study Report
- \$1,000,000 granted from California State Coastal Conservancy for Environmental Document Phase
- National Wildlife Federation is fundraising for all project phases

We Want to Hear from You

- Please submit your comments by January 29, 2016



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