

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

CTC Meeting: June 25-26, 2008

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Action Item

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Subject: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, STATE ROUTE 154 IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – CONSTRUCT ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS NEAR SANTA YNEZ**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the June 2008 Commission meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

- 05-SB-154, PM 22.9/23.1, Construct roadway improvements on State Route 154 in Santa Barbara County near Santa Ynez.

PROGRAMMING:

The proposed project would construct roadway improvements, including a suicide barrier, on the Cold Spring Canyon Bridge on State Route 154 near Santa Ynez in Santa Barbara County. The project is fully programmed in the 2008 State Highway and Operation Protection Program (SHOPP) for \$3,183,000, capital and support. Construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2009-10.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

There are three alternatives being considered for this project.

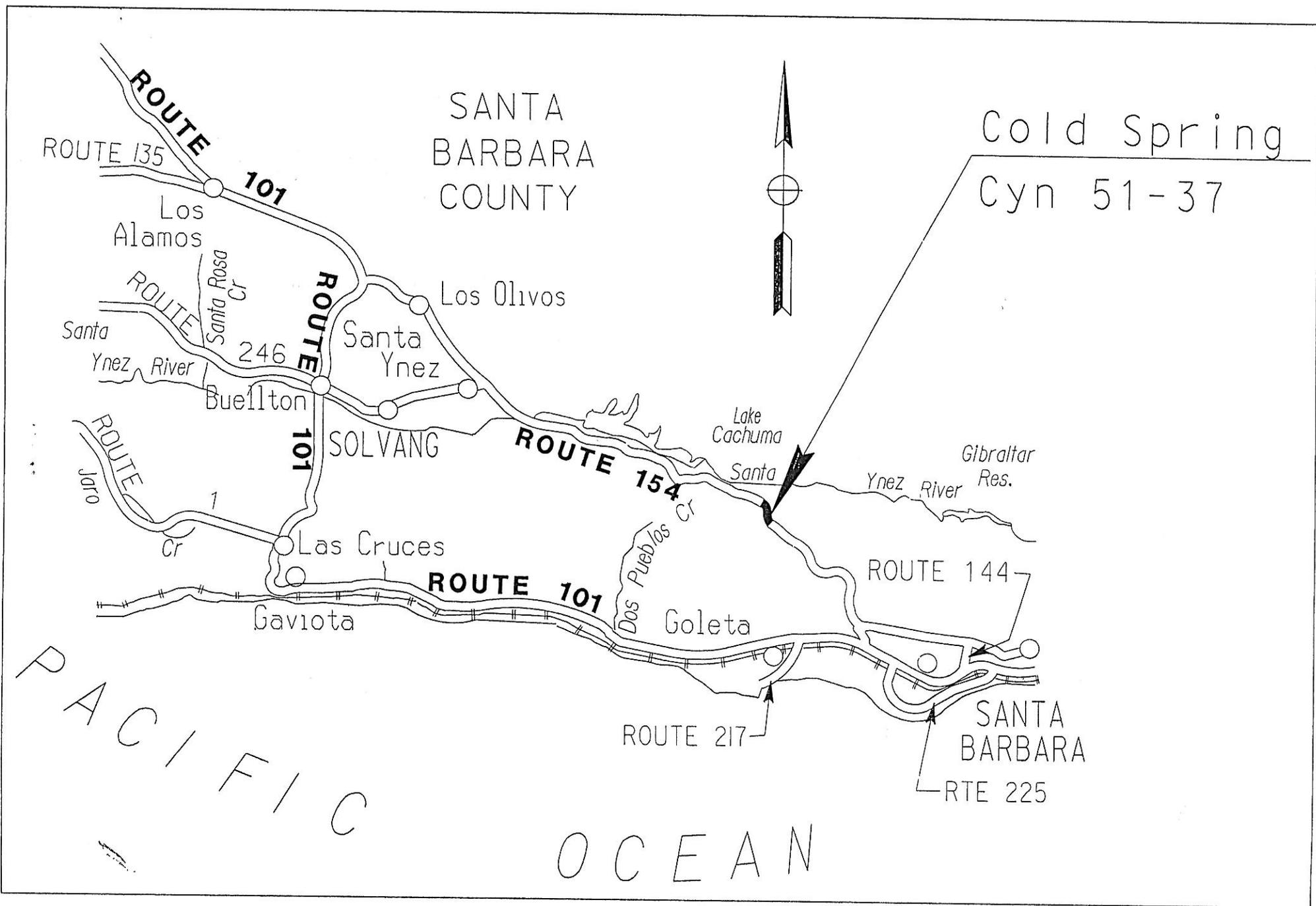
- Alternative 1 – No Build.
- Alternative 2 – Construct continuous metal barrier with inward sloping vertical steel rod pickets.
- Alternative 3 – Construct continuous metal barrier with inward sloping grid/mesh steel wire pickets.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

- Visual resources
- Cultural resources (historic structure)

Because of the potentially significant environmental impacts in the form of modifications to a historic structure and permanent visual changes and due to public controversy, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

Attachment



LOCATION MAP

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 DEIR - 05-SB-154
 PM 22.9/23.1