

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Subject: **DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
ROUTE 101 IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY**

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department of Transportation (Department) recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at its February 19, 2009 meeting on the following Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR):

- 05-SB-101, PM 2.2/3.4, PPNO 0482, EA 4482U0 – Reconstruct Linden Avenue and Casitas Pass Road interchanges and roadway improvements in Santa Barbara County.

PROGRAMMING:

This project would reconstruct interchanges on Route 101 from just east of Carpinteria Creek Bridge to just west of Franklin Creek in the city of Carpinteria. The project is not fully funded. The project is programmed in the 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program for \$66,536,000. The total cost of the project, capital and support, is estimated to be \$107,058,000. Assuming the availability of funding, construction is estimated to begin in Fiscal Year 2013-14.

ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:

The DEIR identifies four alternatives:

- Alternative 1 - No Build.
- Alternative 2 - This alternative replaces the bridges on Route 101 over Carpinteria Creek including reconstructing the Casitas Pass Road overcrossing, reconfiguring the northbound on- and off-ramps, extending Via Real to Linden Avenue, and reconstructing bicycle paths.
- Alternative 3 - Same as Alternative 2 yet relocates the northbound on-ramp with a direct connection to the north side of Linden Avenue, requiring a five-lane overcrossing.

- Alternative 4 - Same as Alternative 3 yet uses a roundabout at the intersection of Via Real, Ogan Road and the northbound on-ramp.

POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:

Potential significant environmental effects identified at this phase of the project include:

- Inconsistency with local coastal plan policy.

Because the project has potentially significant environmental impacts listed above, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:

- Implement Department standard specifications on noise attenuation.
- Incorporate engineering design to blend slopes into existing natural areas.
- Minimize construction footprint and implement water quality best management practices.

Attachments - Maps

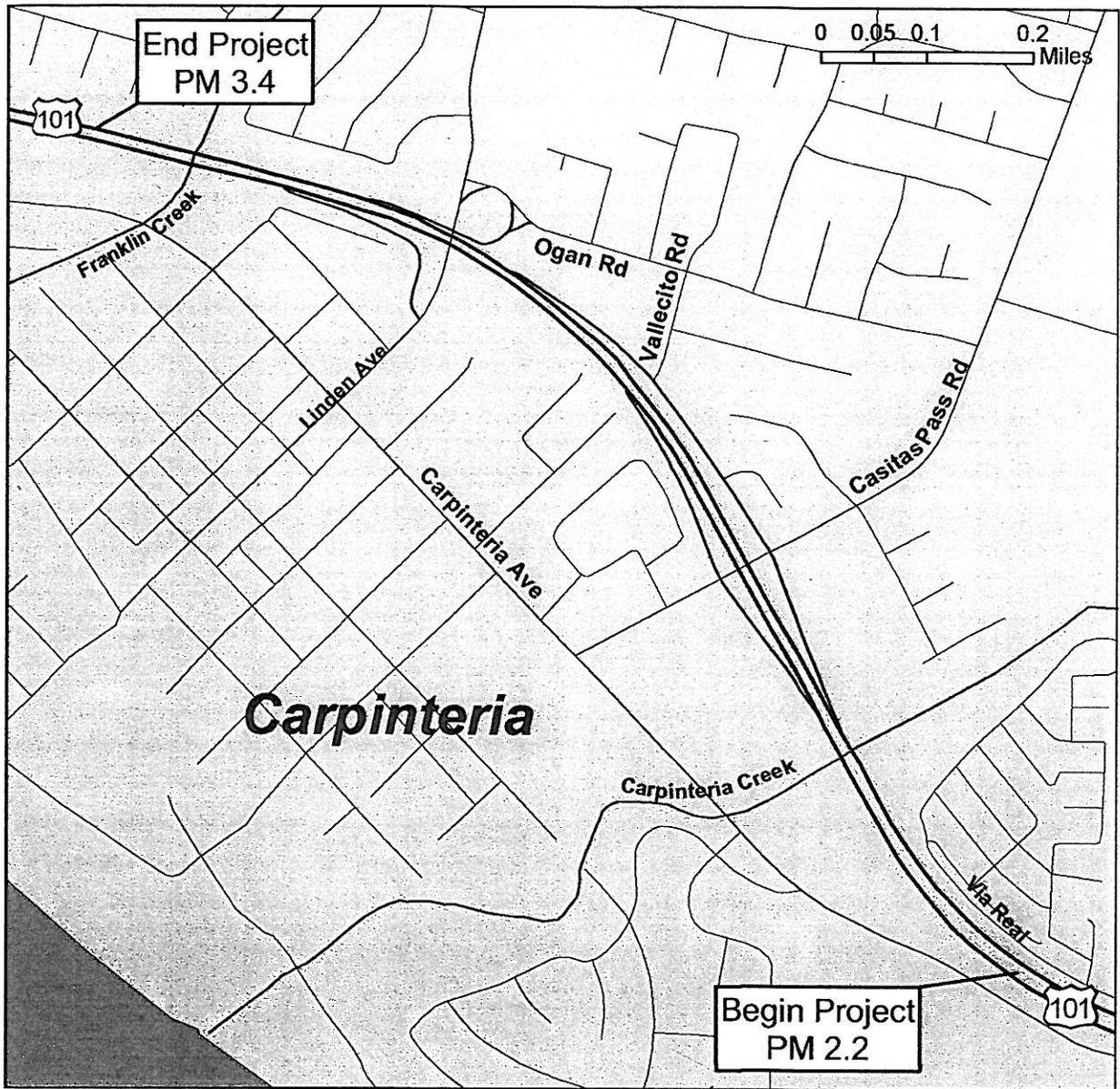


Figure 1.2 Project Location Map

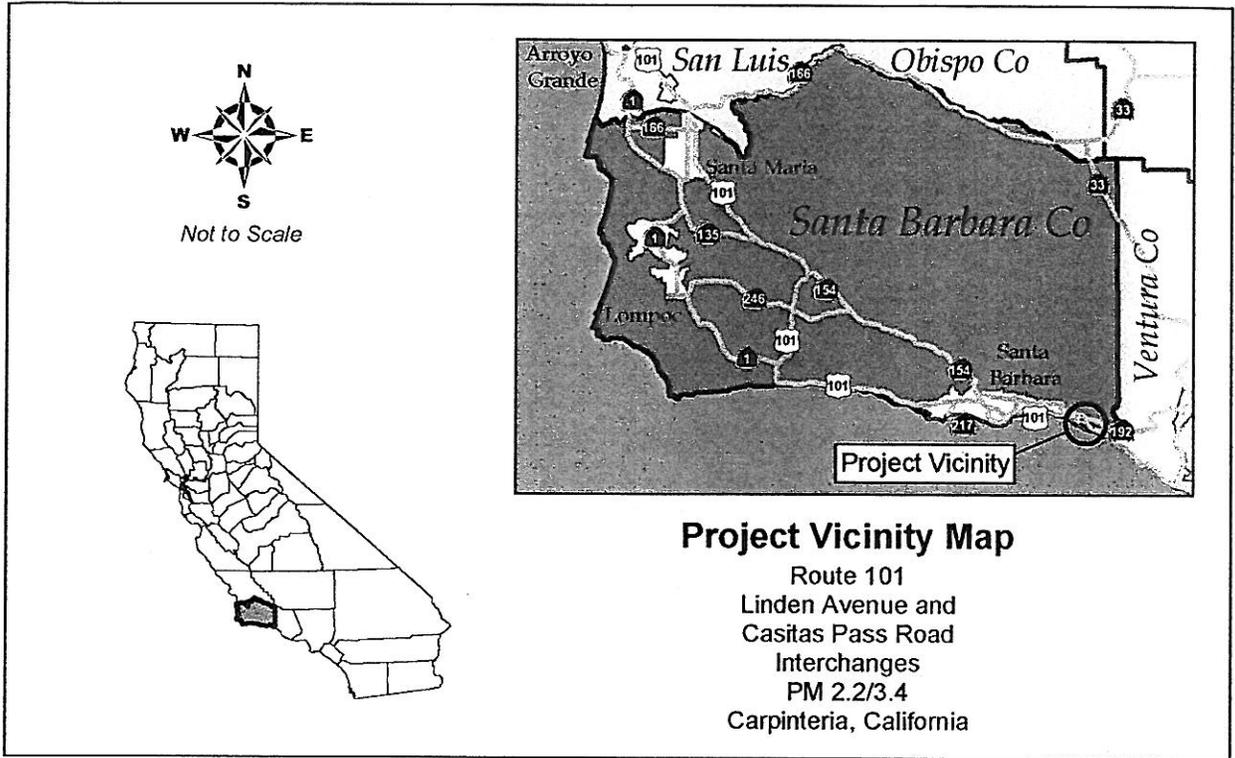


Figure 1.1 Project Vicinity Map