

Route 246 Pavement and Robinson Bridge Project

Santa Barbara County - Highway 246 - Post Mile 9.55/R20.9 | Project 05-1M360 | Updated May 2025



Purpose and Need

To preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement, rehabilitate pavement and culverts, upgrade guardrails to Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware standards, upgrade sign panels, and replace the Santa Ynez River Bridge (Robinson Bridge) to accommodate pedestrians, bicyclists, and flooding.

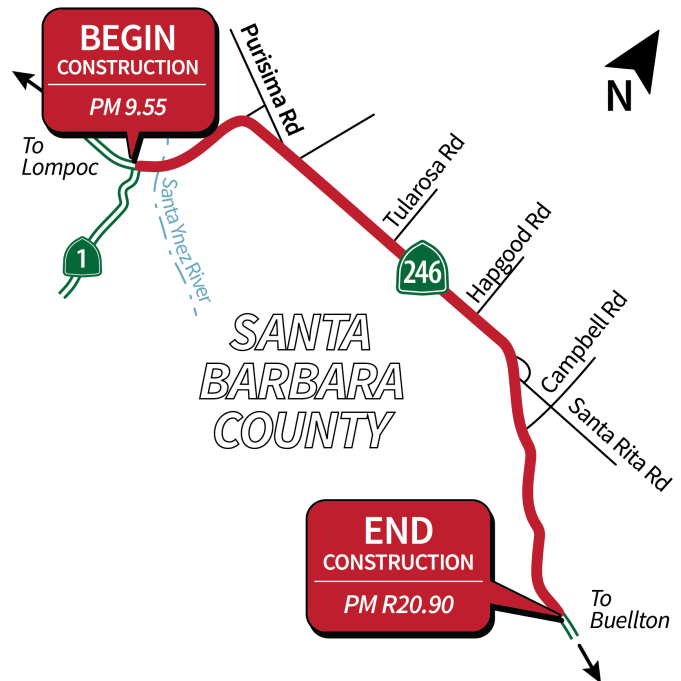
- Sign panels are due for replacement or upgrade.
- The Pavement Condition Summary Report documented that the pavement condition within the project limits are deteriorating.
- Culverts exhibit scour, sediment buildup, and shape loss.
- Sections of guardrails within the project limits do not meet Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware standards. Guardrails will be upgraded in accordance with Caltrans' policy.
- Bridge inspection reports for the Santa Ynez River Bridge identified that continued scour and cracking could lead to bridge pier and deck failure. The Federal Emergency Management Agency flood maps indicate that a 100-year flood would overtop the bridge.

Description

This project proposes to replace the Santa Ynez River Bridge (Robinson Bridge) (Bridge Number 51-0128) at post mile 9.8, preserve 21.7 lane miles of flexible Class 2 pavement using Capital Preventive Maintenance strategies, place 0.20 foot of Rubberized Hot Mix Asphalt overlay, rehabilitate culverts, upgrade sign panels, upgrade existing curb ramps to be Americans with Disabilities Act compliant, and upgrade guardrails to Manual for Assessing Safety Hardware standards.

Location

In Santa Barbara County in and near the City of Lompoc from Route 1 to .047 miles east of the Domingus Rd Intersection.



Funding

Fund Source	SHOPP
Construction Capital Estimate	\$92.4 - \$118 Million
Right of Way Capital Estimate	\$15.413 Million
SBCAG Financial Contribution	\$9.45 Million

Current Schedule

Approve Proj. Report/Environ. Doc.	Summer 2025
Design Completion	Fall 2028
Begin Construction	Spring 2030
End Construction	Summer 2034



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