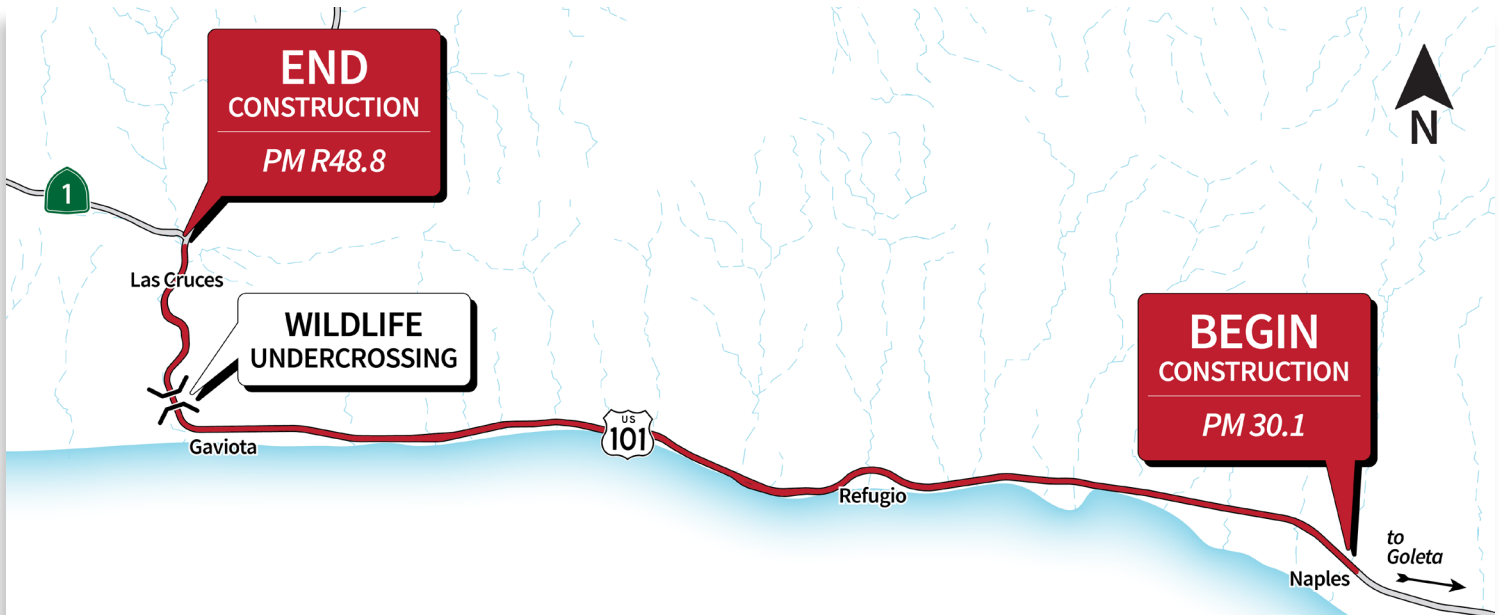




# Dos Pueblos to Gaviota Preventive Maintenance and Wildlife Crossing

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## Description

The Dos Pueblos to Gaviota Capital Preventive Maintenance (CAPM) and Wildlife Crossing project is located on U.S. 101 in Santa Barbara County, from Dos Pueblos Creek near Goleta to the U.S. 101/State Route 1 interchange north of the Gaviota tunnel. The project will preserve 65.3 lane miles of Class II Pavement, repair slumping embankments, rehabilitate lighting, replace sign panels, and upgrade guardrail to current standards. The project will also install a wildlife undercrossing and directional fencing along U.S. 101.

In addition, two lighting poles are in poor condition and are reaching the end of their service lives, 16 existing sign panels are in poor condition and do not meet current federal reflectivity standards, and guardrail within the project limits does not meet current standards. There is a need for wildlife crossing improvements in this area due to a high rate of wildlife-vehicle collisions that have been identified in the project vicinity.

## Purpose & Need

The purpose of this project is to preserve and extend the life of the existing pavement, stabilize two recurring embankment slumping areas, rehabilitate existing lighting to maintain nighttime visibility, upgrade sign panels and guardrail to meet current standards, and facilitate wildlife connectivity and improve safety for the traveling public by reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions.

The project is needed because the pavement within the project limits is exhibiting deterioration and will result in higher maintenance costs in the future if not addressed. The project also includes embankment stabilization work due to ongoing lane and shoulder pavement cracking.

### Current Schedule

Begin Construction	January 2028
End Construction	August 2030

### CAPM Funding

Fund Source	SHOPP
Construction Capital Estimate	\$51,000,000
Right of Way Capital Estimate	\$100,000

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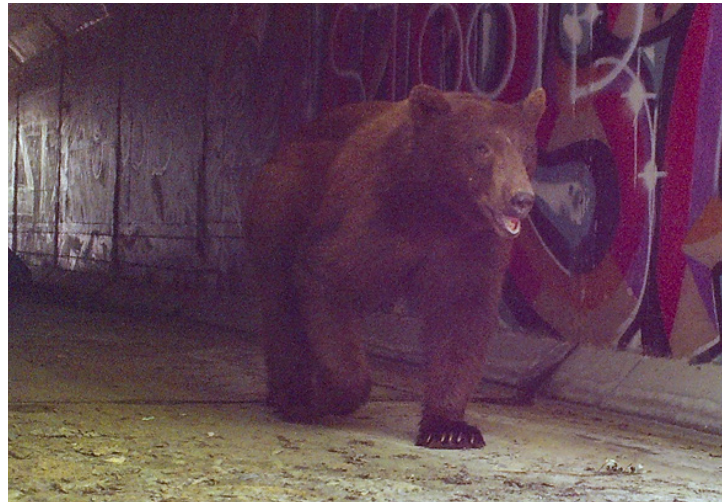


## Wildlife Crossing

The project will improve wildlife connectivity by creating a wildlife undercrossing along US-101 in northern Santa Barbara County. The location of the undercrossing was identified as an opportunity to improve wildlife passage in the Gaviota Pass Highway 101 Wildlife Connectivity Assessment.

By providing safe passage for wildlife under the highway, the project will reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions and improve driver safety.

Caltrans received \$8 million in competitive grant funding for the wildlife crossing through the Federal Highway Administration Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program.



## Design Considerations

The crossing will be designed to provide passage for a variety of native species including mountain lion, black bear, and the federally protected California red-legged frog to protected lands on either side of the crossing structure.



## District 5 and Wildlife Connectivity

Caltrans District 5 is experienced in developing and building projects on various highways across the Central Coast that enhance wildlife habitat connectivity for a variety of native species. Additional wildlife habitat connectivity improvement projects are currently underway throughout District 5.



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