

# Thumbelina Pedestrian and Bike Gap Closure

Santa Barbara County - Highway 246 - Post Mile 26.78/26.86 | Project 05-1R560 | Updated June 2025

## Purpose and Need

The purpose and need of this project is to facilitate gap closure and proactively provide mode separation for bike and pedestrian facilities west of Thumbelina Drive on SR 246 per the Safe Systems Approach.



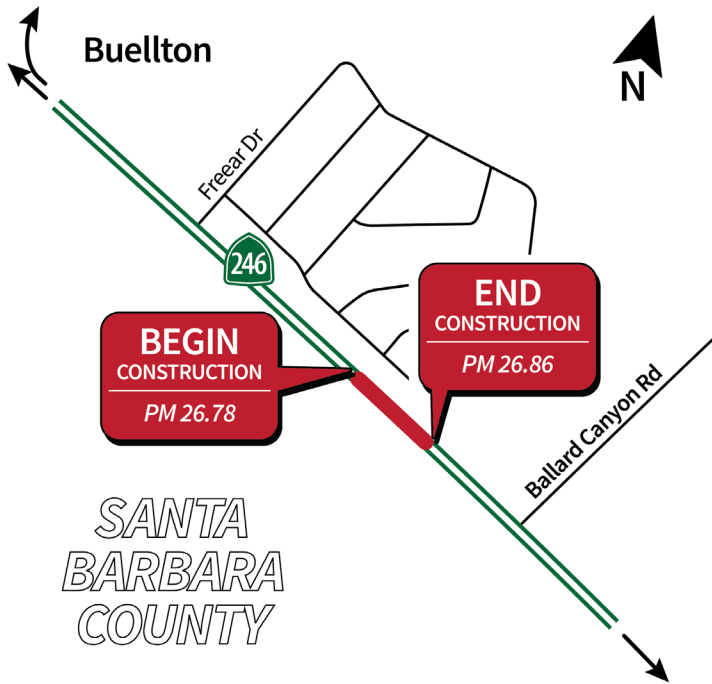
## Description

This project would provide proactive mode separation for vehicles, bikes, and pedestrians. The proposed safety improvements include extending the westbound travel lane, bike lane and sidewalk. Caltrans is partnering with the city of Buellton who will be performing landscaping and extending a decorative wall to compliment this project.



## Location

In Santa Barbara County in Buellton on SR 246 west of Thumbelina Dr.



## Funding

State	TBD
Federal	TBD

## Current Schedule

Final Environmental doc. to be completed	December 2025
Right of way acquisition to be completed	October 2026
Design to be completed	January 2027
Advertise	April 2027
Begin Construction	August 2027
End Construction	December 2027



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