A brown bear is standing in the center-right of the frame, facing right. It is in front of a wall covered in colorful graffiti, including large numbers like '5700' and '12'. To the right, there is a large, colorful circular mural. The ground is dirt and gravel.


# Gaviota Pass Highway 101 Wildlife Habitat Connectivity Stakeholder Meeting

**25 March 2025**

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# Introductions

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## Stakeholders include:

California Coastal Commission  
California State Parks  
California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
California Highway Patrol  
Santa Barbara County  
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments  
Vista Del Mar Union School District  
Coastal Band of Chumash Nation  
Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians  
University of California- Santa Barbara  
The Nature Conservancy's Dangermond Preserve

Wildlife Conservation Network  
The Land Trust for Santa Barbara County's Rancho Las Cruces  
Gaviota Coast Conservancy  
Coastal Ranches Conservancy  
Los Padres Forest Watch  
Adjoining private property owners  
Legacy Works Group  
Santa Barbara Biodiversity Group  
California State Coastal Conservancy



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# Stakeholder Background

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## Caltrans

- Facilitate and fund technical study (Wildlife Connectivity Assessment 2023)
- Facilitate Stakeholder Group/ public outreach
- Advance the implementation of opportunities identified in the Gaviota Wildlife Connectivity Assessment

## Stakeholders

- Community and local agency representatives
- Provide local input and support
- Advance the implementation of opportunities identified in the Gaviota Wildlife Connectivity Assessment



# Project Update

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- The wildlife crossing components will be delivered concurrently with the Dos Pueblos to Gaviota Capital Maintenance Project (CAPM)
- The project has a highly accelerated schedule to meet Federal grant milestones



# Project Description

*(on Highway 101 in Santa Barbara County)*

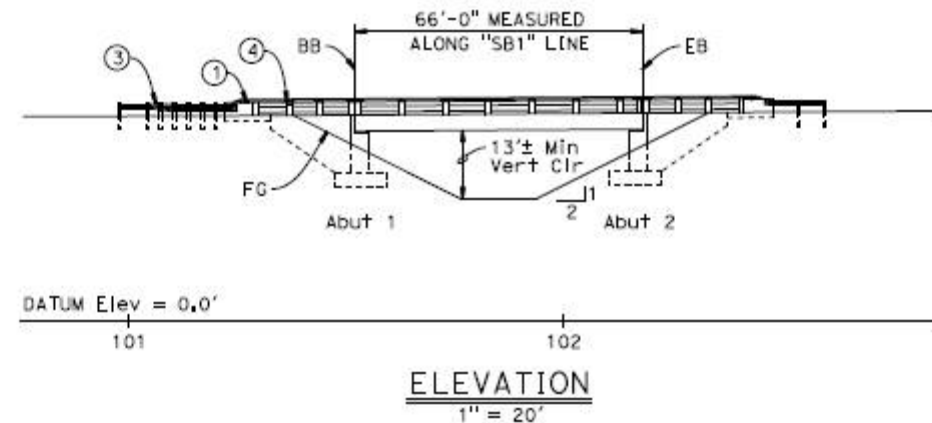
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- **From postmile 30.1 to 46.4:**
  - Preserve 65.3 lane miles of flexible class 1 pavement
  - Reconstruct guardrail to standards
  - Lighting rehabilitation
  - Replace sign panels
- **From postmile 46.4 to R48.8**
  - Construct wildlife undercrossing near PM 46.4
  - Install wildlife fencing and escape ramps on both side of the highway

# Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program (WCPP) Update

- Since October, the project has been moving through environmental technical studies
- Our project development team has continued to meet
  - FHWA recommendations
  - Focus on the target species for the crossing
- A bridge is the selected structure type for the crossing, which will enable passage for mountain lions, deer, and smaller fauna



# Project Schedule



# Southern Area: Opportunities and Constraints



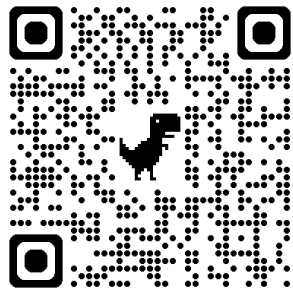


## Southern Area

Southern extent of WCA study area: along the coast to just south of Gaviota tunnel

# Next Meeting

Visit our WCA website!



Goal for an in-person meeting this summer

Any suggestions for a meeting location?

Interest in a field component?