MOBILITY PARTNERSHIP

Thursday, December 17, 2015
9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Gilroy Police Department Community Room
7301 Hanna Street
Gilroy, CA

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS: This portion of the agenda is reserved for persons desiring to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are **limited to 2 minutes**. The law does not permit Committee action or extended discussion on any item not on the agenda except under special circumstances. If Committee action is requested, the matter can be placed on the next agenda. All statements that require a response will be referred to staff for reply in writing.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

4. ACTION ITEM – Review and approve Mobility Partnership Structure and Organization, including selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

5. ACTION ITEM – Review and approve Mobility Partnership Purpose, Goals and Meeting Logistics.

6. INFORMATION ITEM – Receive a presentation on Project/Partnership History and Existing SR 152 Trade Corridor and SR 25 Concepts and Alignments.

7. INFORMATION ITEM - Receive a presentation on Potential Sales Tax Measures.

8. ACTION ITEM – Establish Work Plan for Future Topics and Next Steps.

9. ADJOURN

If you have any questions about the Mobility Partnership, please contact VTA Community Outreach Department at (408) 321-7575, TTY (408) 321-2330, or e-mail *community.outreach@vta.org*.

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Memo on Agenda Item 4
Date: December 17, 2015

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development

SUBJECT: Approve the Mobility Partnership Structure and Organization

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ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Mobility Partnership structure and organization.

BACKGROUND:

The attached Memorandum of Understanding has been approved by both agencies.

Members of the Mobility Partnership have been appointed by each county:

- Santa Clara County:
  - Perry Woodward (City of Gilroy, Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) Board Chairperson)
  - Don Gage (City of Gilroy – Mayor)
  - Johnny Khamis (City of San Jose, VTA Board Member)
- San Benito County:
  - Jerry Muenzer (County of San Benito Supervisor, Council of San Benito County Governments (SBCOG) Chairperson)
  - Ignacio Velazquez (City of Hollister – Mayor, SBCOG Director)
  - Margie Barrios (County of San Benito – Board of Supervisors Chairperson)

It is proposed that Perry Woodward would perform as Chairperson for the Mobility Partnership, and Jerry Meunzer will perform as Vice-Chairperson.

Memo on Agenda Item 5
Date: December 17, 2015

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development

SUBJECT: Approve the Mobility Partnership Purpose, Goals and Meeting Logistics

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ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the Mobility Partnership purpose, goals and meeting logistics.

BACKGROUND:

As outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority and the Council of San Benito County Governments, the Mobility Partnership would provide policy oversight and direction to staff of the two agencies regarding potential mobility improvements between US 101 and Interstate 5 in the northern San Benito and Southern Santa Clara Counties.

More specifically, the Mobility Partnership would:

- Provide leadership, coordinate and champion the development of transportation projects in the northern San Benito/Southern Santa Clara County area to address:
  - The movement of goods and people between Highway 101 on the west and I-5 on the east.
  - Safety of travel in this corridor.
  - Input required for potential sales tax measures.
- Incorporate in their guidance the following:
  - Long term vision/goals of local agencies.
  - Statewide transportation goals and Caltrans District 4 and District 5 charters.
- Continue to explore creating a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) or other appropriate governance entity to progress potential improvements into future development phases.

- As agreed by the Mobility Partnership, actively support potential improvements and seek additional funding to further the development of studies and/or project development efforts.

The Mobility Partnership would hold meetings at a minimum of monthly during the period of January 2016 through June 2016. More frequent meetings may be held as agreed upon by the Mobility Partnership.

Meetings are proposed to be held in the City of Gilroy.

A minimum of four attendees, two from each county, would be required to hold a meeting, said four shall be comprised of regular Mobility Partnership Members.

Memo on Agenda Item 6
Date: December 17, 2015

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development

SUBJECT: Presentation on Project/Partnership History and Existing SR 152 Trade Corridor and SR 25 Concepts and Alignments

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INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive report on history of SR 152 Trade Corridor studies and related activities to date.

BACKGROUND:

See attached presentation.

Mobility Partnership Briefing

December 17, 2015

Outline

- SR 152 Trade Corridor
- US 101/SR 25 Interchange
- SR 25 Corridor

SR 152 Trade Corridor Project

SR 152 Existing Corridor (US 101 to I-5)

SR 152 Existing Corridor

- Focus Route – State designated highest priority for completion to minimum facility standards.
- Only east-west route between I-580 (60 miles to north) and SR 46 (120 miles to south).
- Vital artery for goods movement between Central Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, and Central Coast.
- Route is central to state's agriculture production.

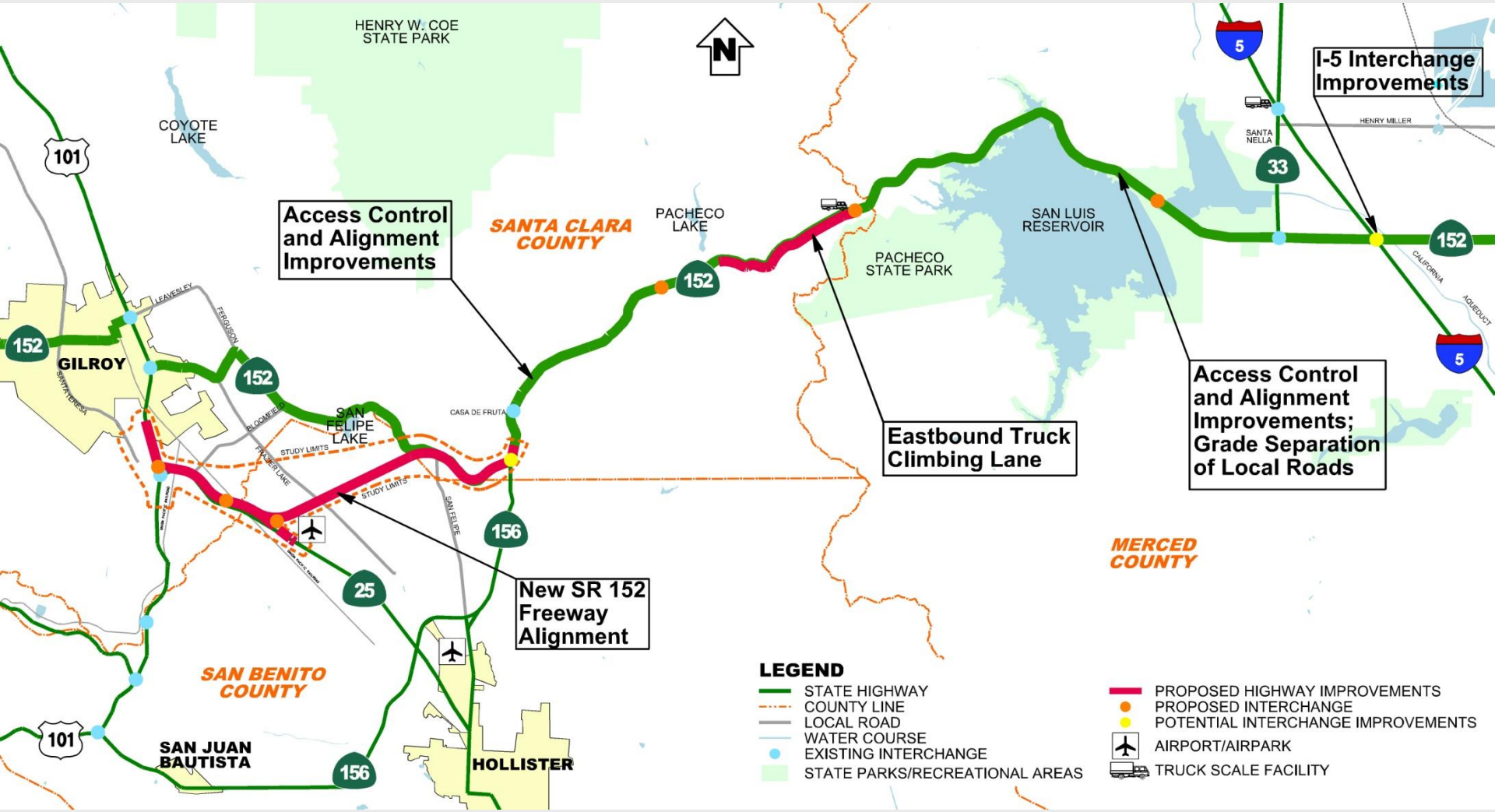
SR 152 Existing Corridor

Detail	US101 to SR156	SR156 to I-5	US101 to I-5
Length (miles)	12.1	27.1	39.2
Lanes	2/4	4	2/4
Setting	•1.5 miles in Gilroy •Narrow curved undivided highway •No access control	•Divided highway •Sustained grade (1,000 ft) up Pacheco Pass •WB climbing lanes	
Interchanges (IC)	US101, SR156	Casa de Fruta, SR33 (N), I-5	5 total
Local Road ICs	13 (5 signalized)	6	19 total
Private Driveway Intersections	114	42	156

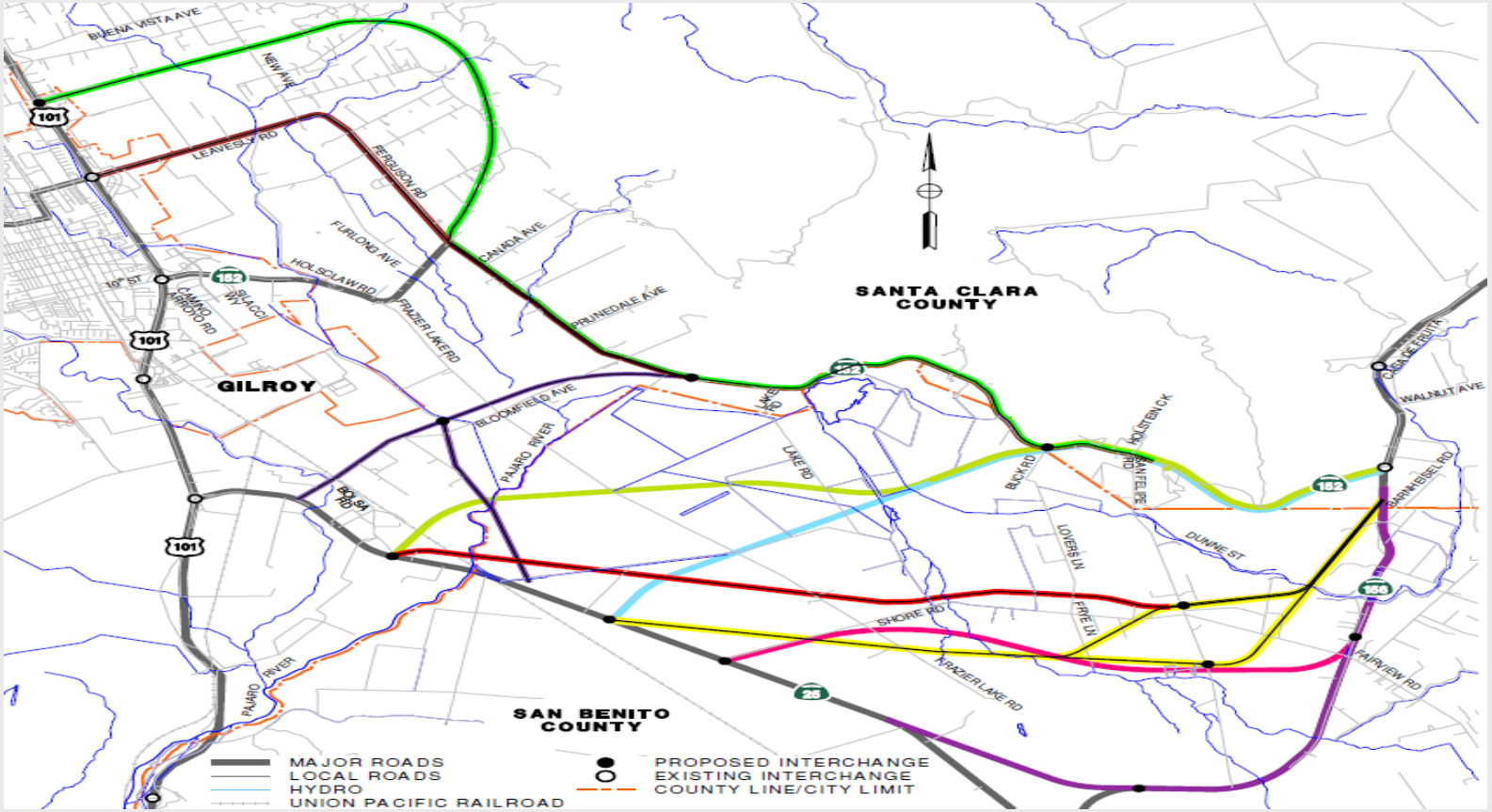
SR 152 Trade Corridor Objectives

- Enhance travel safety.
- Improve traffic operations for travelers and the community.
- Provide alternative route for regional traffic separate from local traffic.
- Improve the safe and efficient movement of goods.

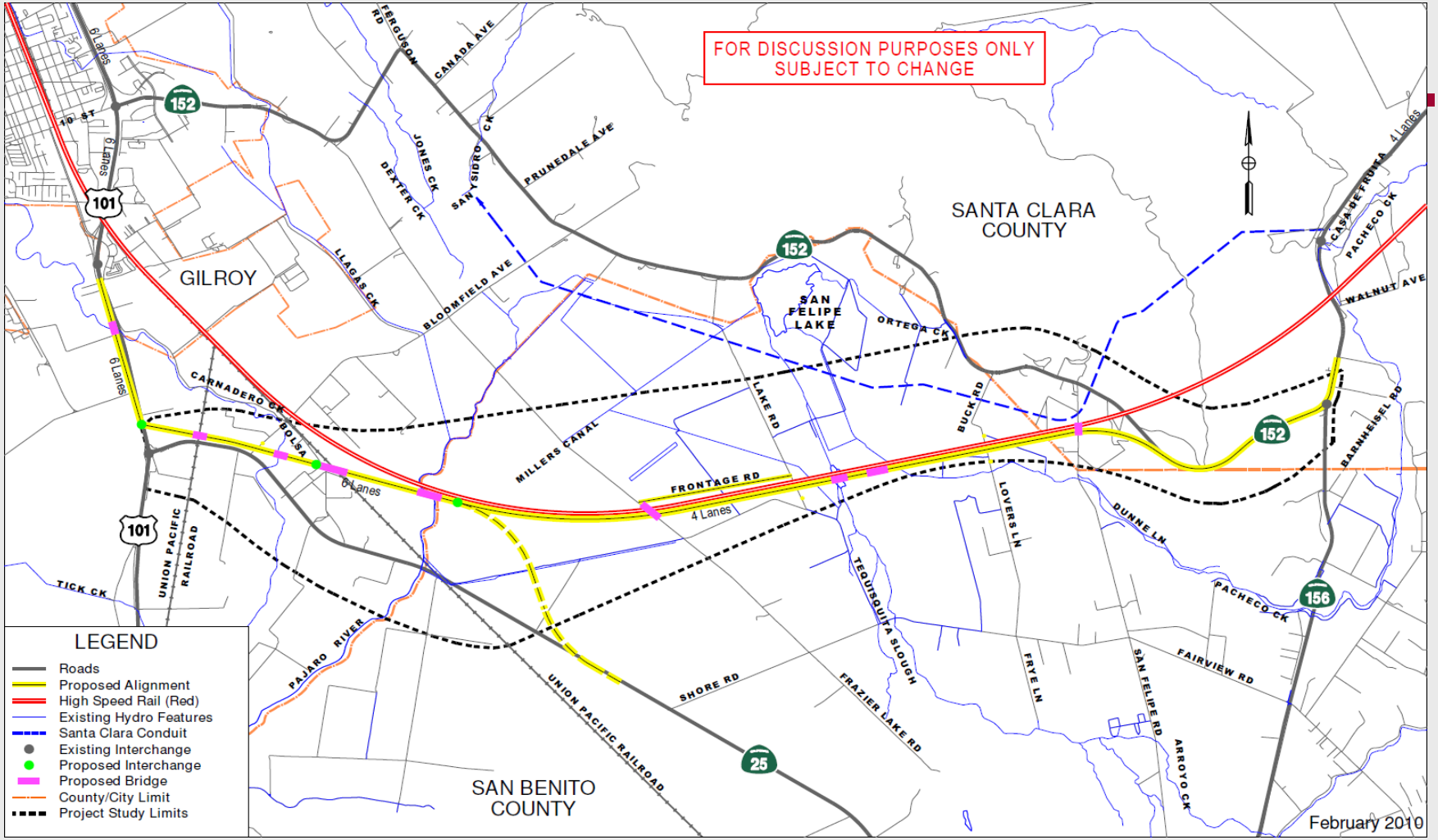
SR 152 Trade Corridor Elements



SR 152 Trade Corridor – Alignments Considered



SR 152 Trade Corridor
Shared Transportation Corridor Concept (w/ HSR)



Work Previously Performed

- Data Collection for Technical Studies Initiated on Spring 2011.
  - Air Quality, Biology, Cultural, Environmental Justice, Geology, Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Paleontology.
- Project Study Report/Project Development Support (PSR/PDS) Signed – March 2015.
- Various Presentations on Funding Options
- Extensive Stakeholder Outreach

Stakeholder Outreach

- California Trucking Association
- Monterey County Hospitality Association
- Santa Cruz Chamber
- Santa Cruz Con Visitors Bureau
- Gilroy Chamber
- Gilroy Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
- Gilroy Visitors Bureau
- San Benito County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
- San Benito County Farm Bureau
- Monterey Grower Shipper Association
- Monterey County Farm Bureau
- Madera County Farm Bureau
- Merced County Farm Bureau
- Merced County Chamber
- San Benito County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
- Merced County Economic Development Corporation (EDC)
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- California Cotton Growers Association

Stakeholder Outreach

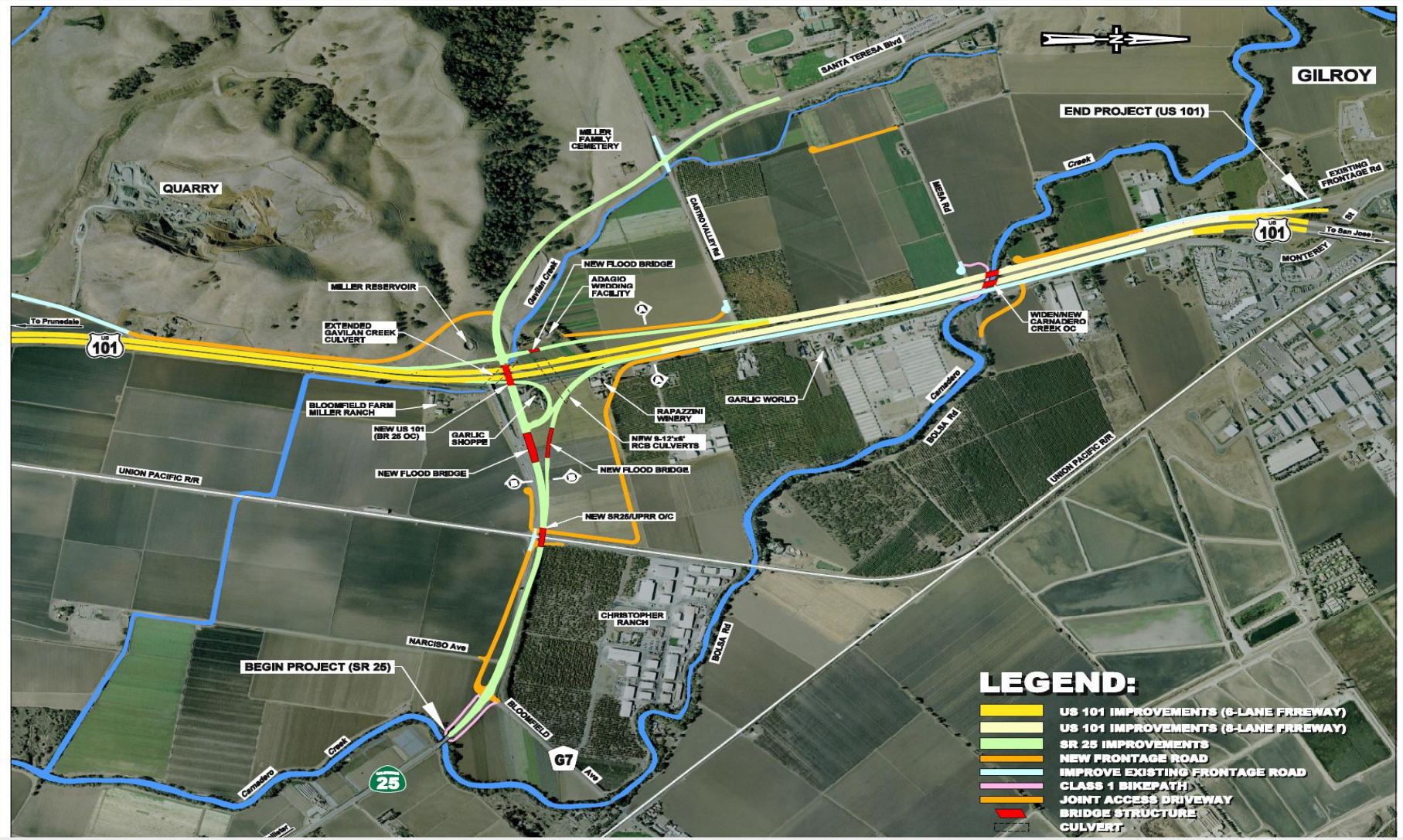
- Caltrans Districts 4, 5, 6 and 10
- California Transportation Commission
- Cities of Gilroy, Hollister, San Juan Bautista, and Los Banos
- Metropolitan Transportation Commission;
- Counties of Santa Clara, San Benito, Merced, Madera and Monterey
- Madera County Transportation Commission (MCTC)
- Santa Clara Valley Water District
- California High Speed Rail Authority
- Council of San Benito County Governments (SBTCOG)
- California Highway Patrol
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC)
- Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG)
- Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority

US 101/SR 25 Interchange Project

US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvements - Objectives

- Improve traffic operations.
- Enhance travel safety.
- Provide enhanced connection at US 101 to accommodate new SR 152 Trade Corridor.
- Enhance movement of goods along US 101.
- Improve bicycle access and provide connection to east and west segments of Bay Area Ridge Trail.

US 101/ SR 25 Interchange Improvement Elements



US 101/SR 25 Interchange Improvement Status

- California Environmental Quality Act Environmental Impact Report (CEQA EIR) – approved June 2013.
  - US 101 Improvement Project (Monterey Street to SR 129)
- Project Report (PR) – approved November 2013.
- $300 million project cost – unfunded.
- Ongoing discussions for phased implementation with sales tax measure funding as a possibility.

SR 25 Improvement Project

SR 25 Background

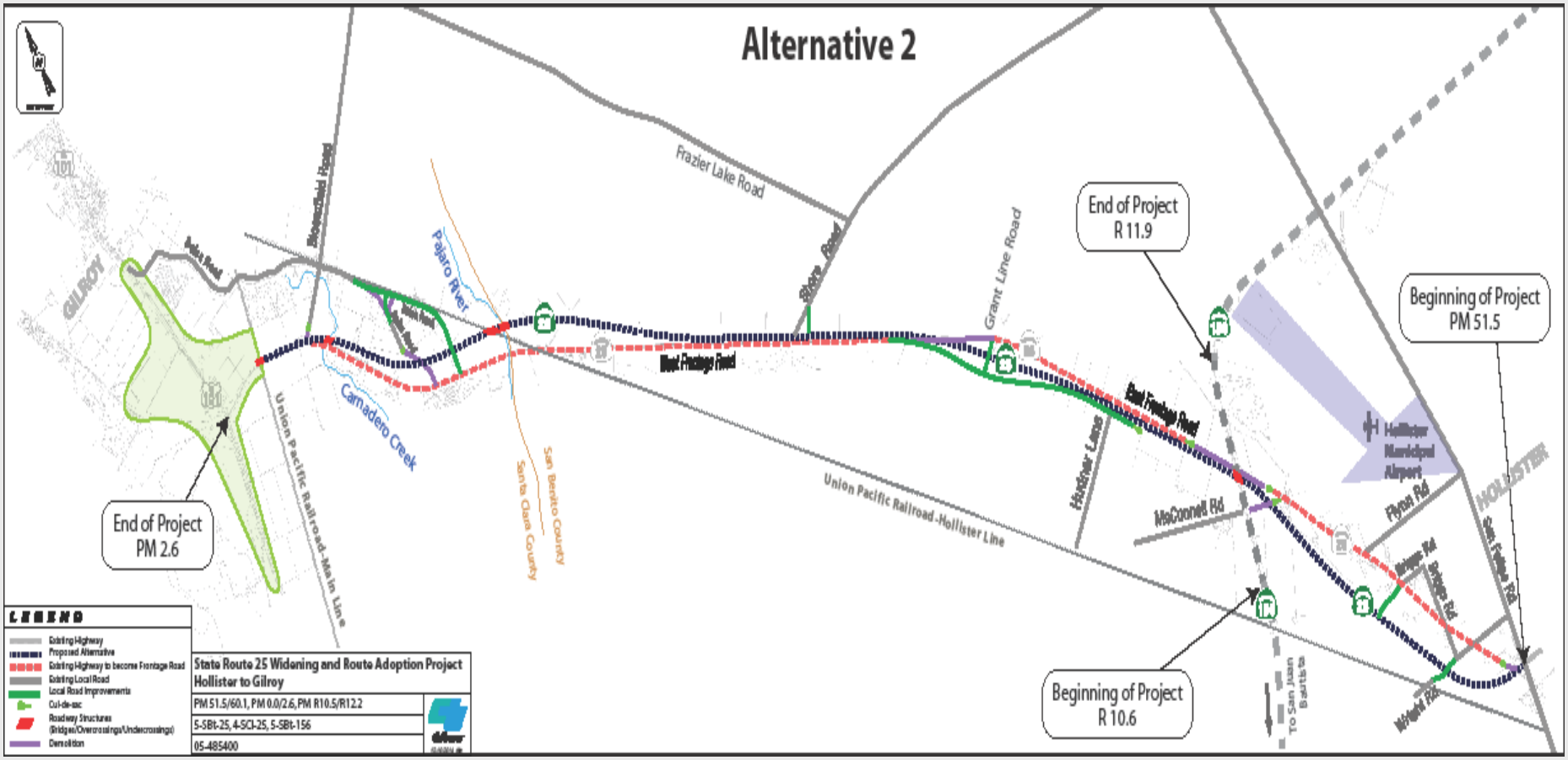
- Widening Project a Priority in San Benito County
  - Resolutions: COG, County, Cities
  - Included in planning and programming documents
  - 2010 Safety Improvements – State Highway Bond Funds
- 2010 Environmental Document Established Project Costs
  - Phase I: $67 million (San Felipe Rd. to Hudner Lane)
  - Phase II: $181 million (Hudner Ln. to County Line)

COG Work Plan – SR 25

- Project Scoping
  - SR 25 Project Environmental Document
  - Engineering Alternatives Analysis funded by COG

- Increasing Funding Resources
  - Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Program Update
  - Support for Transportation Sales Tax

SR 25 Environmental Analysis – Preferred Alternative



Alternatives Engineering Study

- Concepts
  - Using existing alignment, adding new lanes
  - Construct passing late sections
  - Interchange Modifications (SR 156)
  - Intersection Consolidations
  - Improved Transit Options
  - Ridesharing and Vanpools

Anticipated Completion: February 2016

Partnership History

History of Mobility Partnership

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) effective October 15, 2009 (US 101 to SR 99)
  - signed by SBCOG and VTA
  - outreach to include Merced County Association of Governments, City of Los Banos, Madera County Transportation Commission and City of Chowchilla
- Amended MOU to add Merced County Association of Governments (March 2011)
- Amendment 2 added Medera County Transportation Commission (April 2011)
- Dissolution of Partnership (July 2012)

Funding

Funding

- Initial efforts supported by VTA ($5 million), Related Activities ($5 million) and federal funding ($2.86 million)
- Tolling Alternatives Evaluation – March 2010
- Preliminary Financial Analysis – 2012/2013
- Potential Goods Movement Program(s) for SR 152

Next Steps

- Secure funding for Project Approval/ Environmental Documentation (PA/ED) effort.
- Begin PA/ED activities (about three-year duration).
- Restart active stakeholder outreach.
- Develop SR 152 Trade Corridor delivery plan.
- Refine project financing studies.
- Engage elected officials on potential policy decisions.

Questions

Memo on Agenda Item 7
Date: December 17, 2015

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development; Mary Gilbert, Council of San Benito County Governments Executive Director

SUBJECT: Potential Sales Tax Measures

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive verbal report on status of potential Sales Tax Ballot Measures in 2016 for each county.

BACKGROUND:

Verbal report to be provided.

Memo on Agenda Item 8
Date: December 17, 2015

TO: Mobility Partnership

FROM: John Ristow, Director of Planning and Program Development; Mary Gilbert, Council of San Benito County Governments Executive Director

SUBJECT: Discussion on Next Steps

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION:

Establish Work Plan for Mobility Partnership and agency staff.

BACKGROUND:

Possible next actions and/or potential efforts to accomplish in the next six months (January through June) include but are not limited to the following:

- Review New Improvement Concepts
- Assess Potential Near-term Funding Opportunities
- Workshop on Institutional/Governance Topics
- Assess Opportunities to Coordinate with High Speed Rail
- Establish and implement Outreach Plan
- Review and define actions in pursuing Funding Options for Improvements
- Assess Options for Delivering SR 152 Trade Corridor and SR 25 improvements