



PROJECT OVERVIEW

Highway 101: Montecito to Santa Barbara will add a carpool lane in each direction from Romero Creek in Montecito (west of Sheffield Drive) up to Sycamore Creek in the City of Santa Barbara - finishing up the widening of Highway 101 to three lanes in each direction.

The Cabrillo Boulevard Interchange will be reconstructed with new bridges and new on- and off-ramps on the right-hand sides of freeway.

Bridges will be replaced at Oak, San Ysidro, and Romero Creeks to improve water flow along with drainage improvements to handle storm water.

Five new sound walls will be constructed. Additionally, operational and safety enhancements on Highway 101 and the on- and off-ramps will enable easier merging and improve visibility.

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ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

This map shows the *Highway 101: Montecito to Santa Barbara* improvements and local intersection enhancements (also known as parallel projects being led by the City and County) at Olive Mill, San Ysidro, and Cabrillo Boulevard.

CONGESTION RELIEF IN OUR COMMUNITY

Highway 101: Montecito to Santa Barbara is planned to address traffic congestion and fit within the community by:

- Adding a third lane in each direction toward the median to reduce impacts to the surrounding private properties
- Designing improvements that reflect the style of Montecito & Santa Barbara
- Improving safety
- Preserving coastal views from Hwy 101
- Minimizing impacts to historic and cultural resources
- Incorporating comments from residents and neighbors to enhance designs

Does building the southbound on-ramp at Cabrillo Boulevard reduce the need for other improvements?

All of the improvements are based on studies with traffic forecasts out to 2040. The new southbound on-ramp at Cabrillo Boulevard will improve freeway operations. The local roundabouts and stop signs will help local traffic circulation.

When are the sound walls built?

Sound walls will be built as early as possible after utilities are relocated and space is created to enable freeway lanes to stay open during daytime construction.

What are the safety & operational improvements?

Along with the new carpool lanes, improved on- and off-ramps and auxiliary lanes (lanes that connect on- and off-ramps) will make it easier to merge on and off the freeway.

Q & A

How is storm water handled with this project?

New creek bridges, drainage culverts, and safety barriers are all designed to improve water flow. The creek bridges will be lengthened but temporarily sized to match downstream constraints. The temporary sizing can be adjusted once water flows are enhanced downstream. The project team is working with local and federal officials to evaluate creek bridge designs and issues based on post-debris flow information. Sound walls will not be placed in flood plains.



INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

One of the biggest changes in this project is the new interchange at Highway 101 and Cabrillo Boulevard. New southbound Highway 101 on- and off-ramps will be built on the right-hand side. This will re-establish southbound freeway access at the northern end of Montecito. On northbound Highway 101, the off-ramp will be reconstructed on the right-hand side to improve traffic flow and safety on the freeway.



Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara is a project undertaken by Caltrans, SBCAG, and local agencies to add a third lane in each direction between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara. The project will improve bridges, interchanges, on- and off-ramps, and lanes as well as add sound walls.

