



**US 101 SANTA MARIA
TO SAN LUIS OBISPO
MULTIMODAL CORRIDOR PLAN**

Frequently Asked Questions

1) What are the project limits of this plan?

The limits address the high demand corridor between Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo. Immediately north of San Luis Obispo, unique conditions associated with the Cuesta Grade suggest extending the evaluation to the junction of Highway 58, where the facility returns to freeway.

2) How were the project limits determined?

The segment between Santa Maria and San Luis Obispo presents the most challenges in terms of congestion and operations. These limits experience the highest annual average daily traffic (AADT). Highway 58 near Santa Margarita is the northern study limit based on traffic flow and land use patterns.

3) Why are we doing this transportation plan?

The purpose of this plan is to establish a unified vision for the corridor as one complete transportation system connecting communities, jobs, services, and healthy lifestyles. Caltrans wants to ensure for safe and efficient travel in the corridor as well as using resources wisely and effectively.

4) What other priorities will the plan consider?

Safety remains Caltrans' number one priority. Caltrans is working to keep US 101 safe for all users of the system. The plan will be guided to maintain safety on the US 101 corridor while improving mobility, efficiency, connectivity and accessibility.

5) Why are we talking about Complete Streets when US 101 is a freeway?

In order to connect people across and along US 101, all modes and users within the corridor have to be considered. Expanding the amount of transportation choices for travelers in the corridor can help relieve congestion on the roadways, which will make it easier for people to make short trips by walking, bicycling, and riding transit. If multimodal choices are available, the first- and last-mile transit trips can be better supported and integrated to the transportation system.

6) How will this plan address climate change?

The plan aims to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and therefore also lower greenhouse gas emissions caused by vehicles.

7) Why is this plan also analyzing Highway 227?

The plan is also analyzing Highway 227 because it is exploring the effectiveness of how the routes can work together as a complementary and interregional system. This would help to better address local and regional congestion.

8) What is the relationship of this plan to the Pismo Congestion Relief Project?

The Pismo Congestion Relief Project has already been identified as a priority investment project by the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) Board and Caltrans. The Environmental Impact Report is expected to be completed by June 2021. The plan will show the performance benefits of this project and other improvements along the corridor.

9) How soon can we expect to implement improvements once the study is completed?

Caltrans is working with SLOCOG to identify high performing solutions that could be prioritized for funding in SLOCOG's constrained Regional Transportation Plan. The outcome of the study will inform future funding availability, but will not directly initiate transportation projects.

10) How can I be involved in the plan?

Caltrans is currently developing the engagement strategy for the plan. For now, you can visit the website below, which will be updated with additional content and opportunities to provide input as the plan develops. Please bookmark this page and stay tuned for future announcements and updates.

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