

UNION VALLEY PARKWAY EXTENSION AND INTERCHANGE PROJECT



Extension Project



Interchange Project



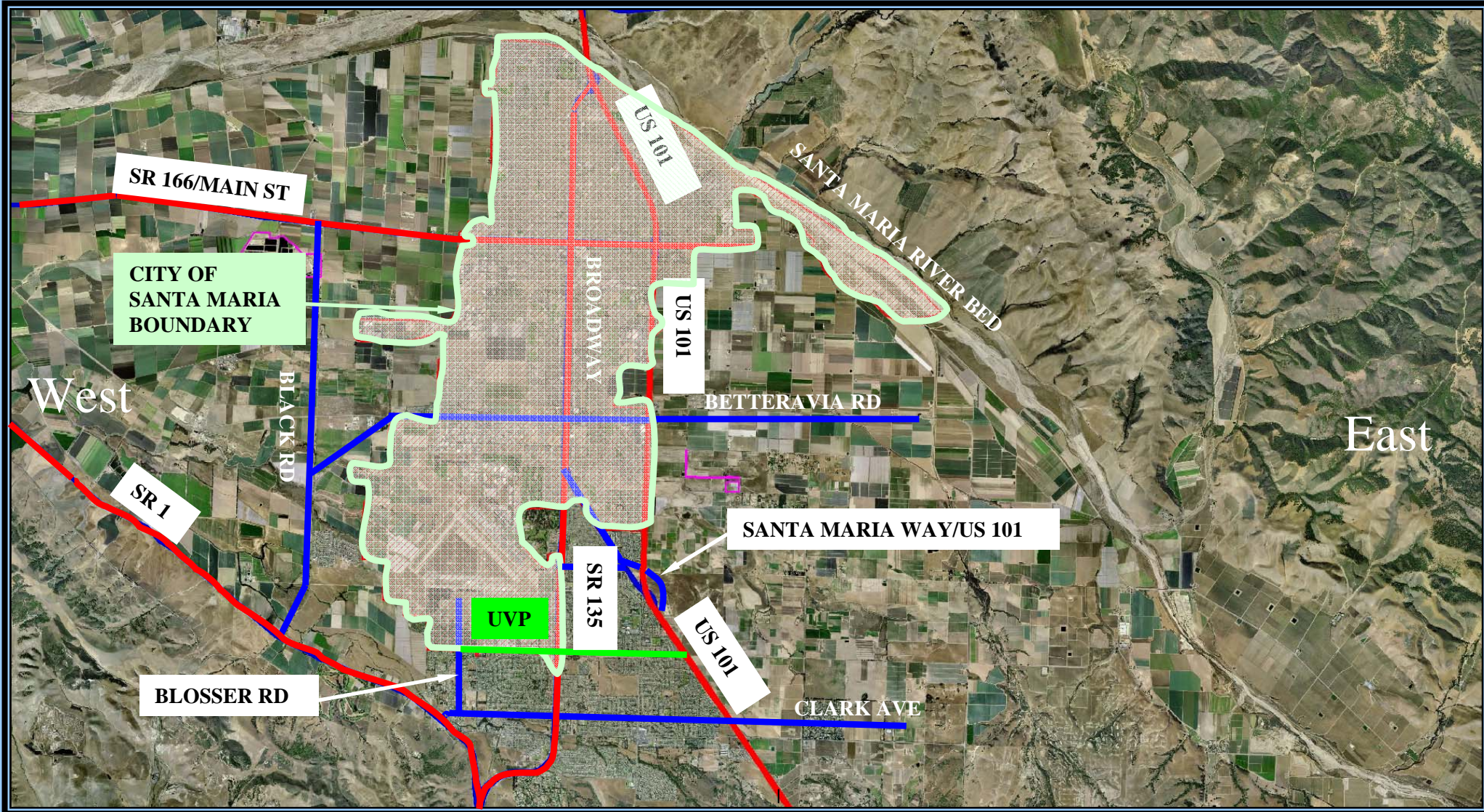
**Board of Supervisors
Presentation – October 27, 2009**

Public Works – Transportation Division

VICINITY MAP



North



West

East

South

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW



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APPROVED PLANNING DOCUMENTS



1960's – The “Amended General Plan for the Santa Maria Orcutt Area” was completed. This plan included the location of the East West Expressway (Union Valley Parkway) through Orcutt from US 101 to SR 1

1970's – Union Valley Parkway is designated as an arterial roadway (described as an expressway from US 101 on the east to SR 1 on the west (Original North County Circulation Element))

July 1980 – Planning Commission certifies UVP as an arterial roadway as part of the County Comprehensive Plan

July 1997 – Board of Supervisors adopts Orcutt Community Plan (OCP) which included UVP as an arterial roadway

July 1998 – Board adopts Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan (OTIP) which again includes UVP as an arterial roadway

2004 and 2005 – BOS updated OCP and the document continues to identify UVP as a planned arterial roadway

PURPOSE AND NEED



- Provide a major arterial for movement of people and goods through the Santa Maria-Orcutt area.
- Existing UVP is considered inadequate to serve anticipated traffic demands of on-going and future developments proposed in the following planning documents:
 - Orcutt Community Plan
 - City of Santa Maria General Plan
 - Santa Maria Airport Business Park Specific Plan
 - Richards Specific Plan
- The UVP Extension/Interchange Project will be necessary to achieve and maintain desired circulation levels of service and to alleviate traffic congestion in the Santa Maria-Orcutt area. Especially at the following intersections:
 - Foster Road/SR 135
 - Santa Maria Way/US 101
 - Clark Avenue/US 101
 - Lakeview Road
 - Foster Road

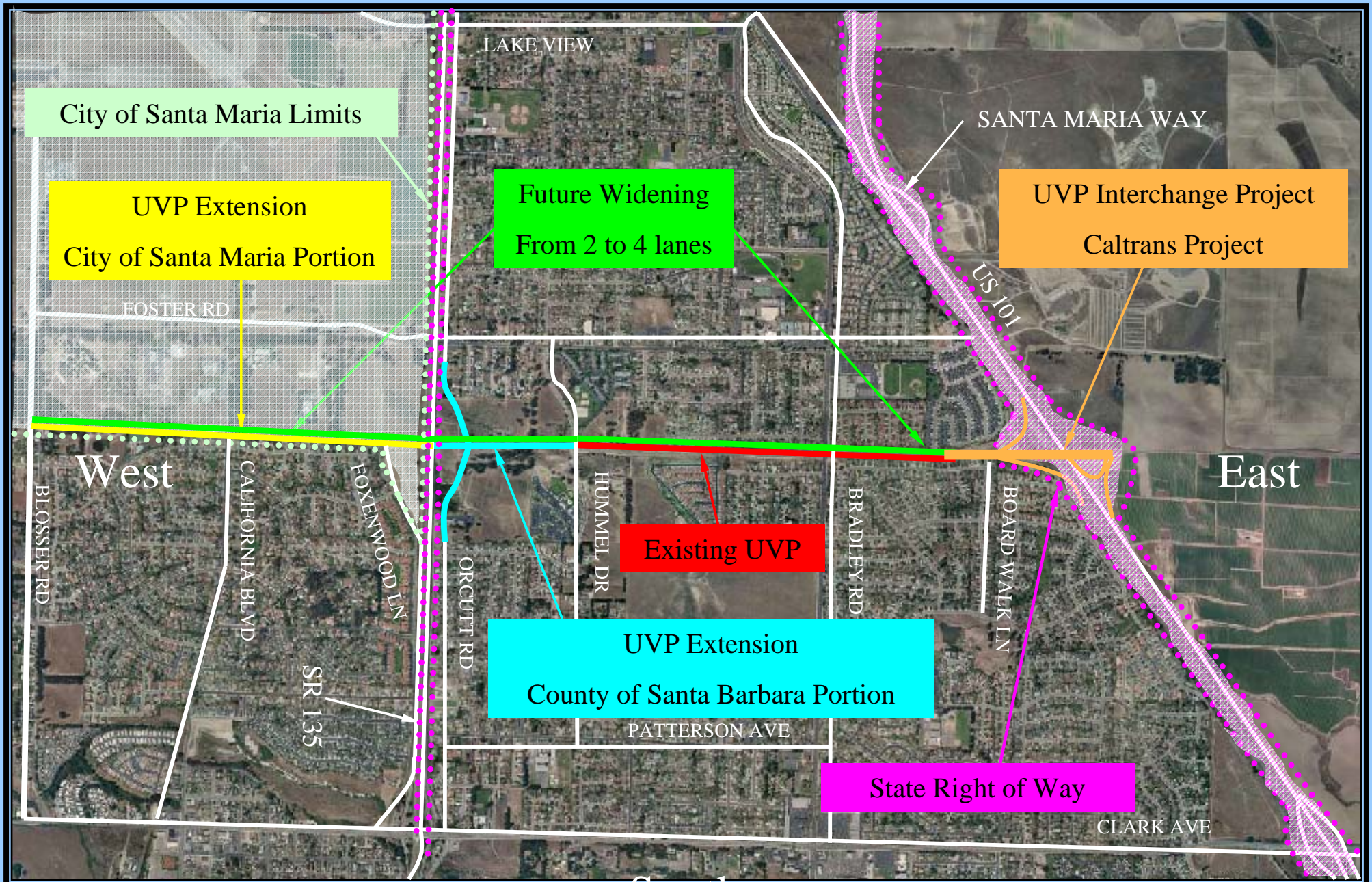
PROJECT FEATURES AND BENEFITS



- Provides an additional east-west connection to US 101 for the Santa Maria-Orcutt community
- Provides better circulation for routine uses such as transit, and movement of goods and services
- Provides better circulation for emergency services
- Maintains consistency with both the Orcutt Community Plan and Orcutt Transportation Improvement Plan and with the associated Environmental Impact Report 95-EIR-01.

UVP CORRIDOR: PLANNED SEGMENTS

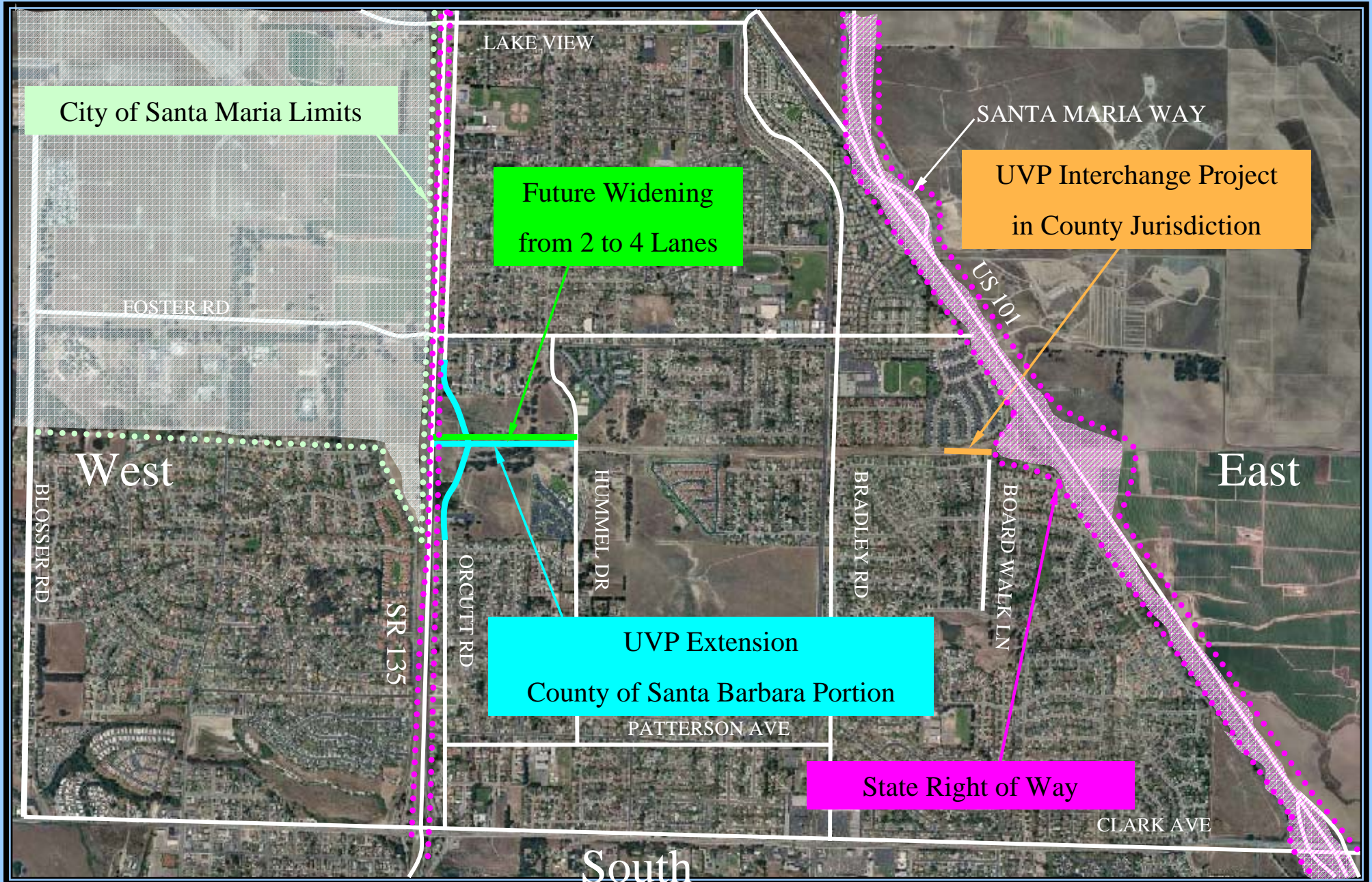
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UVP CORRIDOR: PLANNED SEGMENTS REQUIRING PROJECT APPROVAL

North



CEQA REQUIREMENTS FOR “RESPONSIBLE AGENCY”



CONSISTENT WITH CEQA GUIDELINE 15096:

- Consider the environmental effects set forth in the EIR in this matter
- Determine if the EIR adequately mitigates or avoids the direct or indirect environmental effects of the portion of the project undertaken by the County action
- Determine that the subset of the mitigation monitoring program is adequate and adopt portion of the program subject to County action
- Adopt the findings, consistent with the above determinations
- Direct issuance of a Notice of Determination that the environmental document has been considered

OTHER COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES

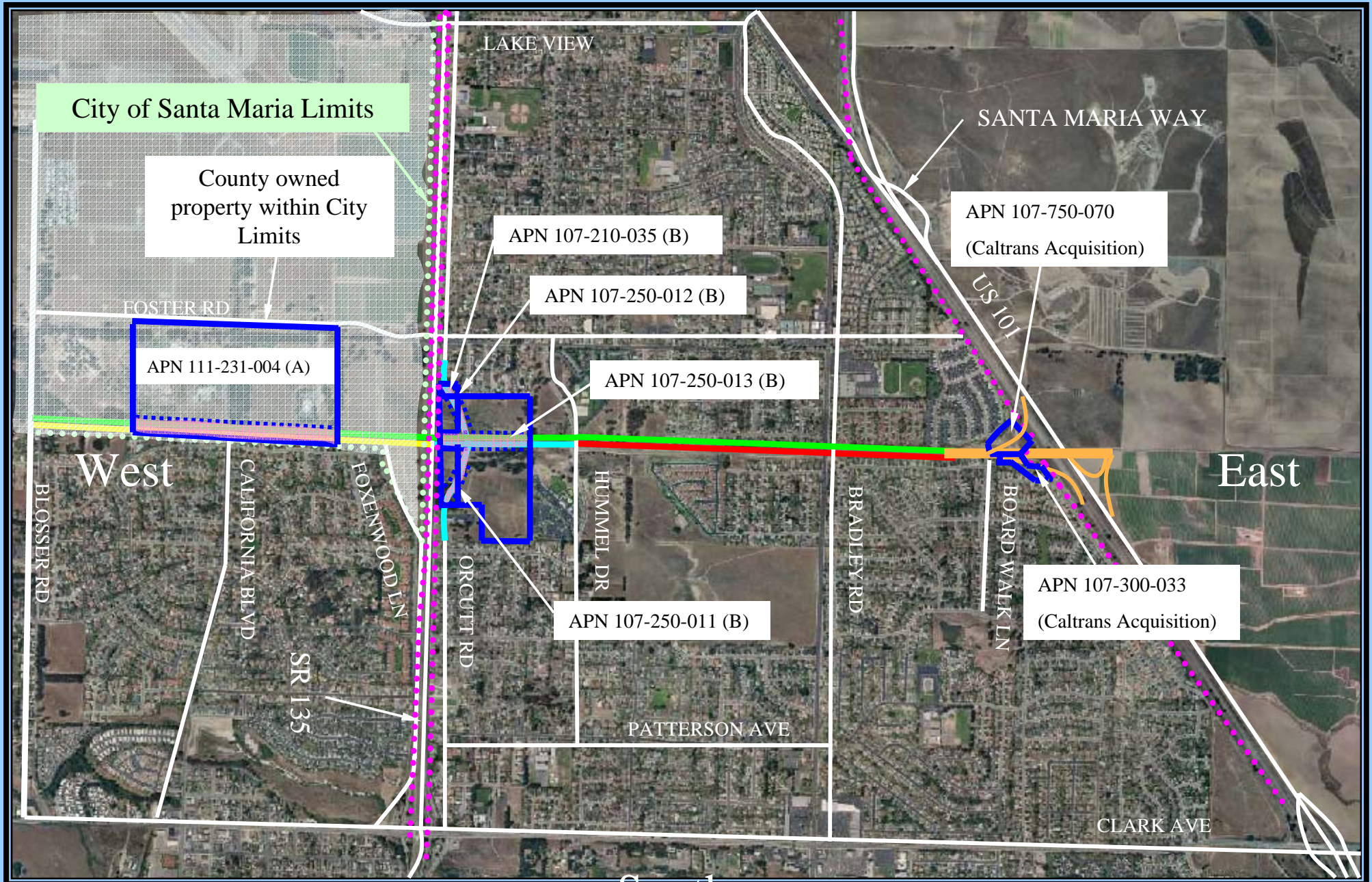


BASED ON AGREEMENT WITH CITY OF SANTA MARIA
(JULY 1995) COUNTY ALSO AGREED TO:

- A. Dedicate a roadway easement to the City of Santa Maria for the Extension Project (easement on County owned property within City limits) (west of SR 135)
- B. Acquire right of way associated with the UVP Extension Project within County jurisdiction (east of SR 135)
- C. Authorize City of SM to plan, design, and construct all portions of UVP Extension Project

AFFECTED PARCELS

North



City of Santa Maria Limits

County owned property within City Limits

APN 111-231-004 (A)

APN 107-210-035 (B)

APN 107-250-012 (B)

APN 107-250-013 (B)

APN 107-250-011 (B)

APN 107-750-070
(Caltrans Acquisition)

APN 107-300-033
(Caltrans Acquisition)

West

East

South

PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW HISTORY



- **2004-2008** – Alternatives identified and studied in Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment
 - Collaborative City, County, Caltrans process
- **July/August 2008** – Draft environmental document and public workshop
- **September 2008** – City received comments from public and agencies, including County
- **March 5, 2009** – Finding of No Significant Impact issued by Caltrans
- **March 17, 2009** – Final EIR certified by City
- **April 15, 2009** – Orcutt Citizens for Better Environment (OCBE) filed a lawsuit against City of Santa Maria
- **October 6, 2009** – Lawsuit between City of Santa Maria and OCBE settled

MITIGATION MONITORING



- City's Environmental Impact Report identified mitigation measures for significant physical environmental impacts
- The recommended County actions to acquire right-of-way and convey land to the City would not result in additional physical impacts
- Nevertheless, a subset of these measures apply to the County segment of UVP
- These measures must be considered, and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to implement the measures must be adopted as part of the County decision on the project

CEQA FINDINGS



- CEQA requires public agencies to make Findings for each significant effect of the project
- City adopted CEQA Findings on March 17, 2009
 - Included Statement of Overriding Considerations that project benefits outweighed environmental consequences
- As a Responsible Agency under CEQA, County must also adopt Findings for the significant effects of the project

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION



- A Notice of Determination (NOD) must be filed within 5 days after approving a project for which an EIR was prepared
 - Summarizes the environmental review process
 - States that the County considered the EIR as prepared by the City as the CEQA Lead Agency

UVP PARTNERSHIP



- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) – David Beard, Project Manager
- City of Santa Maria – David Whitehead, Public Works Director
- Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) – Jim Kemp, Executive Director

SUMMARY



- The planned segment of the UVP corridor has been identified in various County Planning documents since the 1960's;
- UVP has received public support from majority of the public and past County officials;
- UVP has an Environmental Document deemed adequate by the Federal Highway Administration, Caltrans, and the City of Santa Maria;

STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE APPROVED:

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS



- A. Consider the environmental effects set forth in the Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (05-463800) in this matter pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15096(f);
- B. Approve portion of the project within County jurisdiction pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15096(g)(1), determine that the EIR adequately mitigates or avoids the direct or indirect environmental effects of the portion of the project undertaken by the County, including County actions necessary for roadway construction and acquisition of right of way within the County's jurisdiction, and for the execution of an easement deed;
- C. Determine that the attached subset of the mitigation monitoring program is adequate and adopt that portion of the program that is subject to County action to construct roadway within County jurisdiction pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15096(g)(2);
- D. Adopt the attached findings, consistent with the above determinations, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15091, 15093 and 15096(h);

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS



- E. Direct issuance of a Notice of Determination that the EIR prepared by the City of Santa Maria has been considered by your Board pursuant to CEQA Guideline 15096(i);
- F. Authorize the County Public Works Department to proceed with negotiations for the acquisition of permanent easements and temporary rights-of-entry with adjacent property owners;
- G. Execute the attached Easement Deed (Permanent Easement) conveying to the City of Santa Maria a portion of land located on the property known as Santa Barbara County Assessor Parcel No. 111-231-004.

THANK YOU!

