

# **PROJECT APPEAL HEARING**

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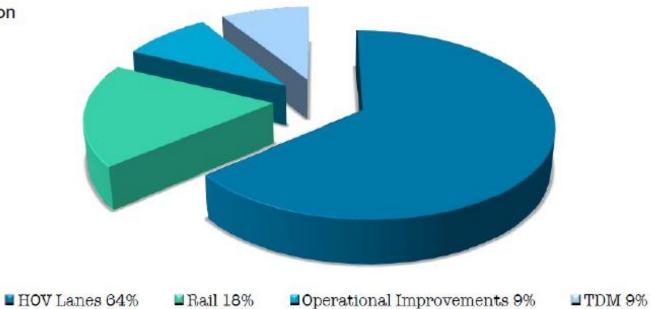


# **Highway 101 Multimodal Corridor**

### BACKGROUND

#### SOLUTION

- 4-year study (101 in Motion) to bring together solutions across communities
- Lane & Train solution



# Highway 101: Carpinteria to Santa Barbara





# Highway 101: Montecito



# TIMELINE



### **KEY ISSUES**

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- Noise Abatement Strategies
- Sound Wall Process and Evaluation
- FEMA Mapping and Watershed Planning
- Air Quality

### **NOISE ABATEMENT STRATEGIES**

Long-life pavement
Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement

(Asphalt loses attenuation in 3-4 years & needs maintenance)

Pavement grind & groove Next Generation Grind

Reduces noise 3 to 5 dbA

• Severe receptors 75 dBa +, 15 property owners, private property

improvements

### HOW ARE SOUND WALL LOCATIONS DETERMINED?

Identify Sensitive Receptors

Have a decibel level of 67+; Residences and public spaces like schools, recreation areas, hospitals, libraries, etc. 2-

#### Measure Existing Noise Levels

Compare to forecasted future "worst hour" traffic noise to predict impact Predict Future Traffic

### Noise Levels

Specialized software used to model future peak noisiest hour traffic



#### Identify Traffic Noise Impacts

Occurs when forecasted traffic noise exceeds the existing noise by 12 decibels or Federal Noise Abatement Criteria

#### Consider Noise Abatement Must reduce noise by a minimum of 5 decibels and be built to engineering standards

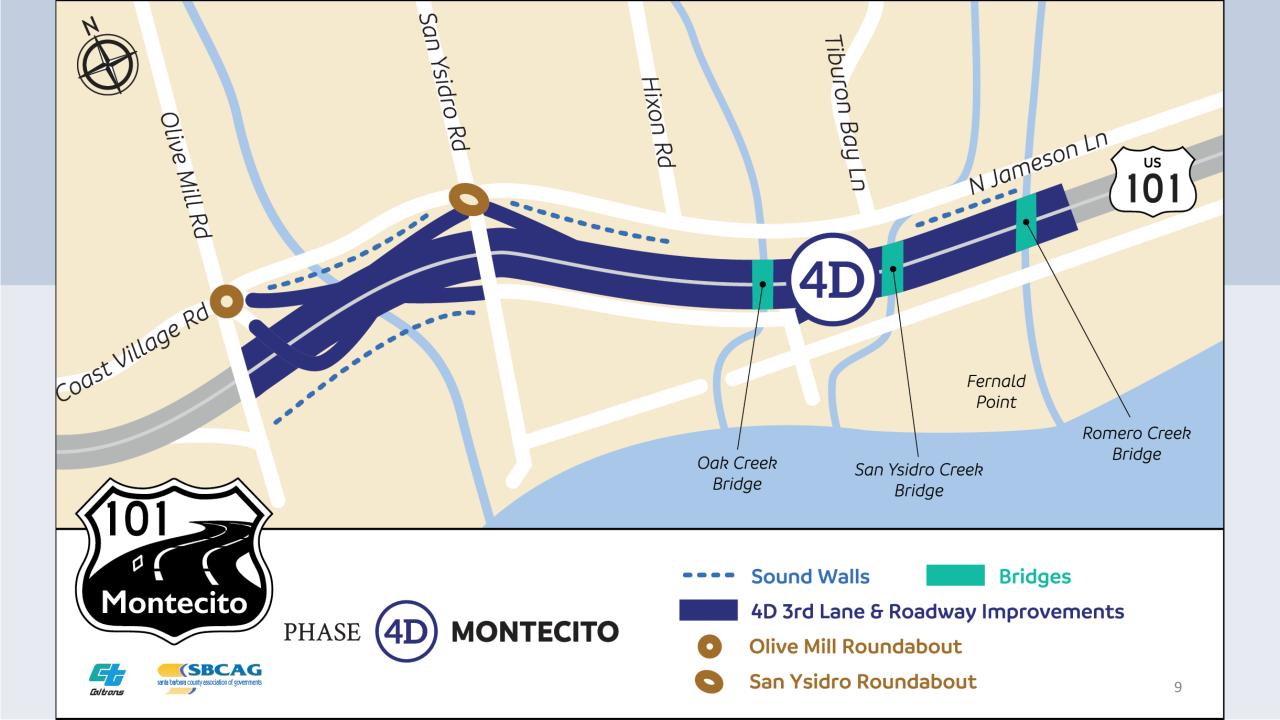
#### Determine Reasonableness Phase 1: cost vs. allowance Phase 2: decision by

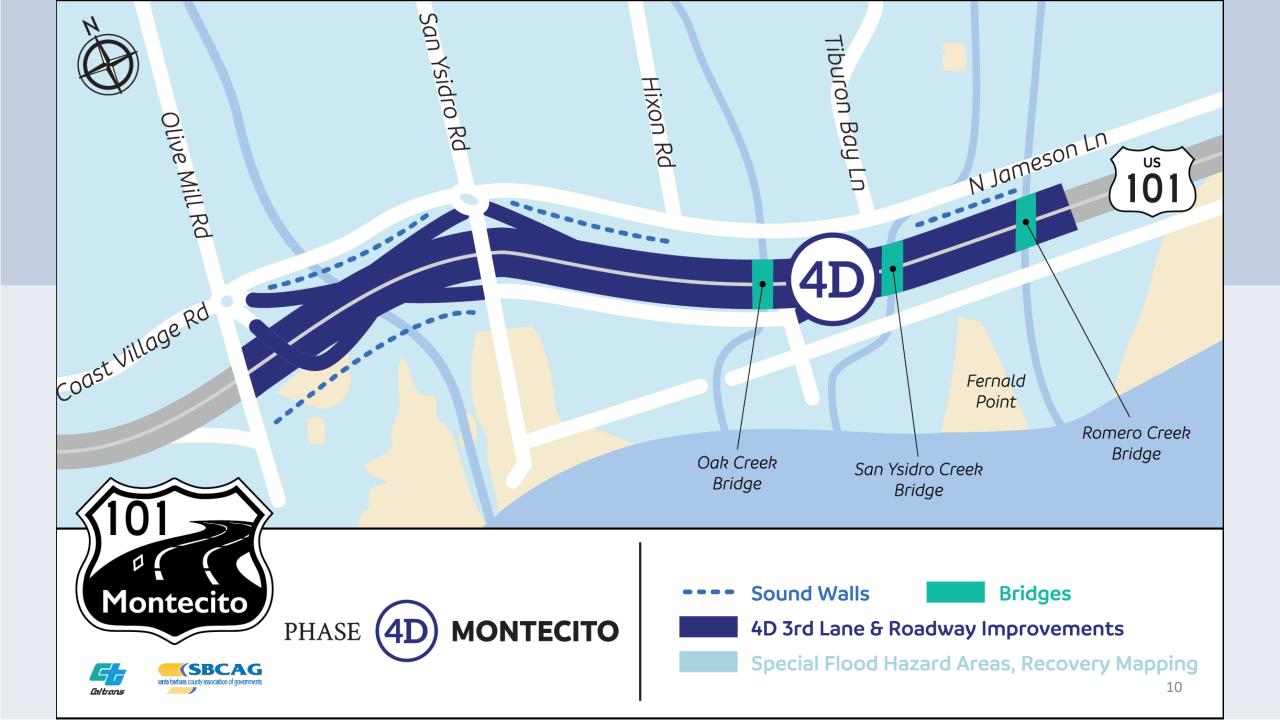
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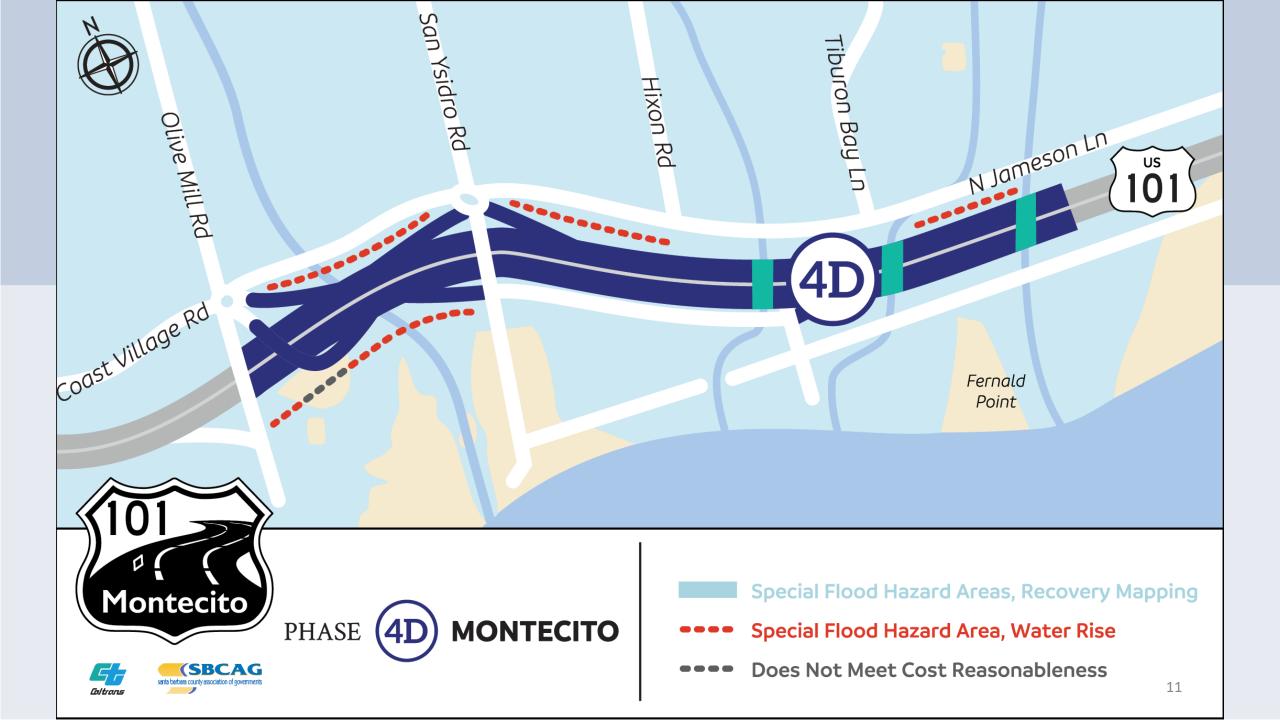
Caltrans with public input (sound wall voting)

#### Final Sound Wall Determination

Sound wall design and associated landscaping is reviewed by local design review boards (Coastal Development Permit)<sup>8</sup>





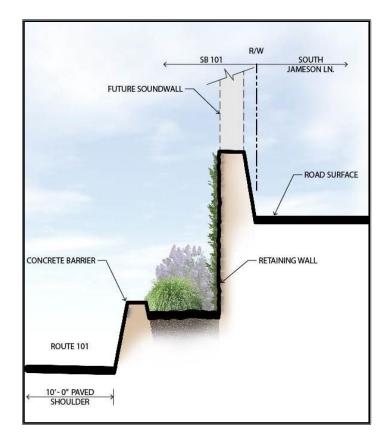


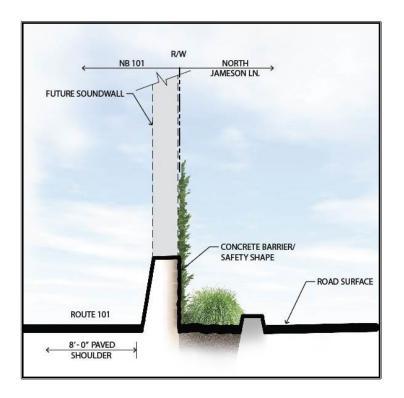
### WATERSHED PLANNING

- No sound wall configurations met project requirements.
- Current Caltrans and County cooperation on Montecito watershed planning for future.

### SOUNDWALLS IN THE FUTURE

• Project can accommodate future sound wall installation.





## AIR QUALITY

2014 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) certified and required completion of air quality study

 The EIR finds that the Project <u>does not create a significant air quality</u> <u>impact to the region or adjacent properties</u>.

• All Electric Vehicles for cars and light duty trucks by 2035



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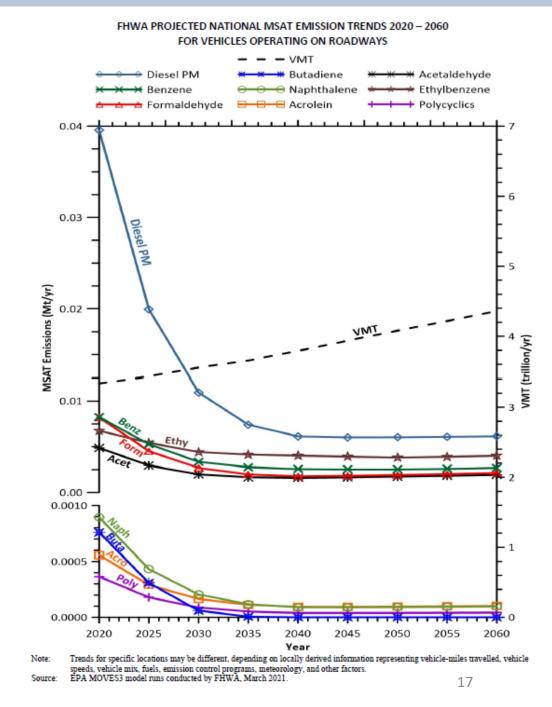
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## **CEQA DOCUMENTS**

CEQA Document	General Summary of Project Changes
EIR was certified by Caltrans on August 26, 2014 (2014 EIR)	N/A
Revised EIR was certified by Caltrans on October 27, 2017 (2017 EIR)	New Traffic Impacts and Mitigation proposed
EIR Addendum on June 1, 2018 (2018 Addendum)	In Segments A-C: Added Rehabilitation of existing mainline and ramps;
	curve adjustments; soundwall changes
EIR Addendum on May 3, 2020 (2020 Addendum)	In Segments D-E: Added Rehabilitation of existing mainline and ramps;
	curve adjustments; soundwall changes; widened cross section; added
	auxiliary lane; added retaining walls; revised cut slope design to reduce
	tree impacts
EIR Addendum May 5, 2021 (2021 Addendum)	Added CSS
EIR Addendum February 2022 (2022 Addendum)	In Segment 4D: Removed soundwalls

### AIR QUALITY



### FENCING

- Chain link fencing exists currently on 101
- Used to separate highway from local facilities and prevent illicit access
- Areas where sound walls were previously proposed will be fenced and landscaped





# MONTECITO BENEFITS



Design with a semi-rural feel

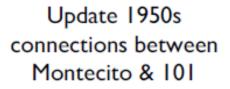


Use drought-tolerant landscaping & visual improvements



Maintain freeway boundaries







Free-up local lanes for local traffic – right road, right trip