



Salinas Road

Interchange Project



California Coastal Commission

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**PROJECT
LOCATION**

TO SANTA CRUZ

TO MONTEREY



not to scale



Highway 1/ Salinas Road Intersection and Vicinity



Highway 1/Salinas Road at-grade intersection



Looking South



The Salinas Road intersection experiences more collisions than any other highway intersection in Monterey County.



Looking South



The Salinas Road intersection has twice the expected number of accidents.



Looking South



The purpose of the project is to improve the safety and function of the Highway 1/Salinas Road intersection in a cost-effective and timely manner, while minimizing environmental, social and economic impacts.



Looking North

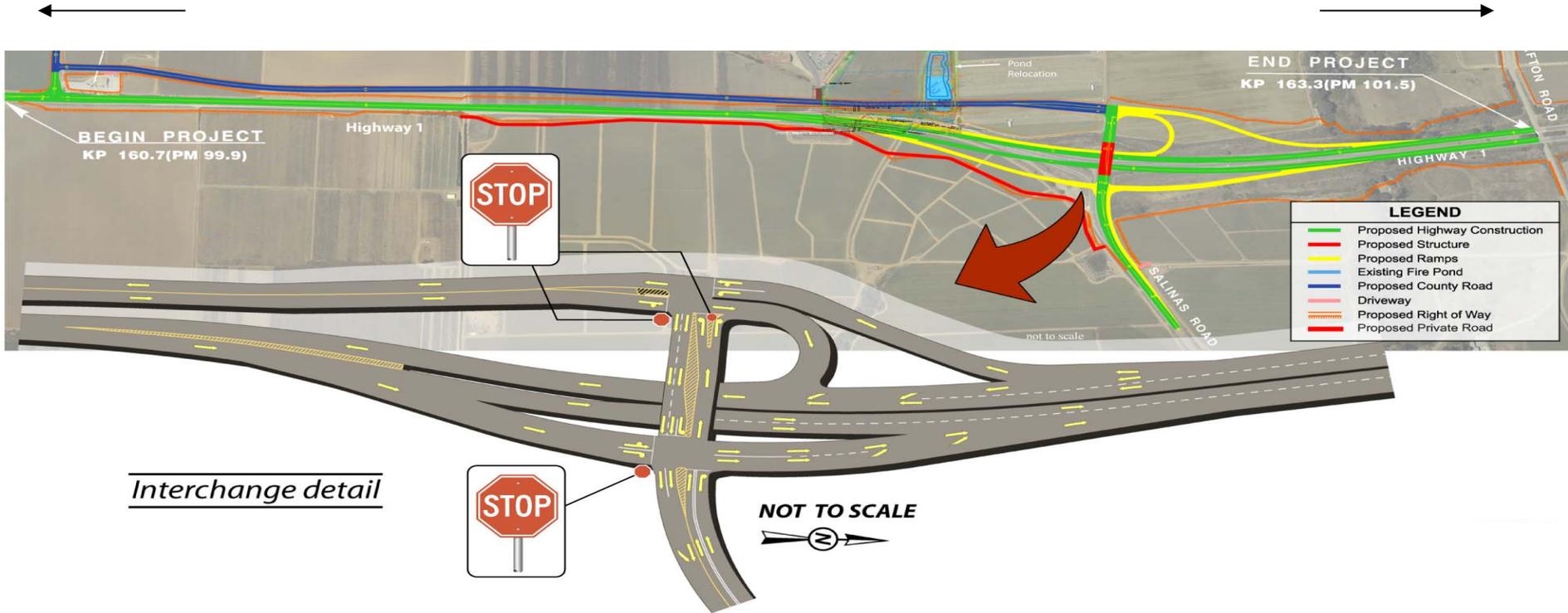


Salinas Road Interchange configuration:

Partial diamond with a loop on-ramp

To Monterey

To Santa Cruz





**Visual simulation of the Salinas Road Interchange,
traveling south on Highway 1 from Santa Cruz
towards Monterey.**





Detail of Salinas Road Interchange bridge: artichoke motif.





Detail of Salinas Road Interchange bridge: strawberry motif.



The project will fully mitigate for unavoidable encroachment onto 0.2 acres of agricultural ditches which are coastal wetlands.



Coastal Wetland and Oak Tree Mitigation



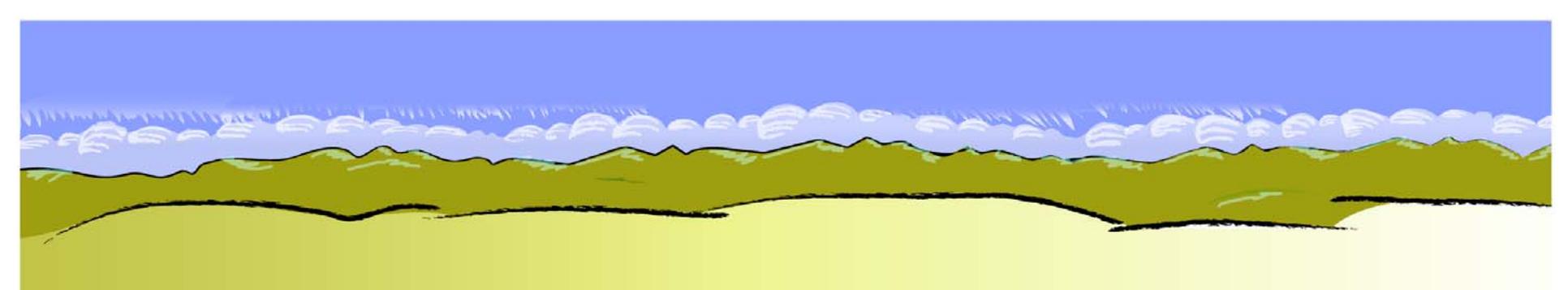


AGRICULTURAL MITIGATION

- ✓ **Caltrans is mitigating for the loss of 26 acres of farmland.**
- ✓ **Caltrans has contracted with the Elkhorn Slough Foundation* to identify suitable properties that would fully mitigate for unavoidable encroachment onto agricultural lands.**
- ✓ **An action plan was created collaboratively with Coastal Commission staff, Caltrans, Monterey County, and Elkhorn Slough.**
- ✓ **This action plan will assure that best properties move forward as mitigation.**

***Elkhorn Slough Foundation is an organization working to preserve and restore Elkhorn Slough and its watershed. Their staff has intimate knowledge of properties in the watershed and a strong interest in land protection and sustainable farming.**





Project Cost & Funding

- ✓ **Funded largely with Proposition 1B funds approved by voters in November 2006 - \$37 million**
- ✓ **TAMC Funding - \$10 million**
- ✓ **Other State Funding - \$1 million**





Project Schedule

- ✓ **Environmental Doc Approved – June 2006**
- ✓ **Begin Design Phase – June 2006**
- ✓ **End Design Phase – September 2008**
- ✓ **Advertise Project – February 2009**
- ✓ **Begin Construction – July 2009**
- ✓ **End Construction – July 2011**

