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## Completed San Juan Road Interchange Makes Big Improvements to U.S. Highway 101

MONTEREY COUNTY – Caltrans and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) have completed the San Juan Road Interchange Project, which will improve safety and reduce congestion on U.S. Highway 101 between Dunbarton Road in Monterey County and Cole Road in San Benito County.

“U.S. Highway 101 in the San Juan area has been a choke point for years,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “This project eliminated a large cross traffic intersection and replaced it with a safer, streamlined interchange to eliminate delays, keep traffic moving and improve safety.”

The \$69 million project removed three major at-grade intersections (San Juan Road, Dunbarton Road and Cole Road) and replaced them with a new interchange near the Red Barn at San Juan Road and U.S. 101. The project is supported by \$10 million from the federal Recovery Act and \$28 million from Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved bond. In total, more than \$18 billion in Proposition 1B funds have been distributed statewide.

“This highway serves as a corridor gateway into Monterey and San Benito counties, so the new interchange will be a huge improvement for our residents and visitors,” said TAMC Executive Director Debbie Hale.

More than 60,000 vehicles travel daily through the U.S. Highway 101/San Juan Road corridor.

This project was preceded by other recent improvements to Monterey County transportation, including upgrades to U.S. Highway 101 at Airport Boulevard, Salinas Road and Prunedale. For more information on Caltrans projects in the area go to [www.dot.ca.gov/dist05](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05) or follow us at [www.twitter.com/D5Caltrans](http://www.twitter.com/D5Caltrans). (more)



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Suggested Caption: The new San Juan Road interchange eliminates cross traffic from U.S. Highway 101, improving mobility and safety. (Photo courtesy of Caltrans)

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