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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### GROUNDBREAKING HELD TODAY FOR US HIGHWAY 101 LINDEN/CASITAS INTERCHANGES PROJECT

CARPINTERIA – Caltrans broke ground today on a new project on U.S. Highway 101 at the Linden Casitas Interchange in Carpinteria, which includes a mix of local circulation and key bridge improvements to benefit thousands of commuters and tourists who travel between Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.

“I am very pleased this major infrastructure project is underway,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “It will improve the traffic flow and reduce congestion for the many travelers who use this busy corridor.”

This project will include the reconstruction and widening of the U.S. 101 Overcrossings at Linden Avenue and Casitas Pass Road. These overcrossings will include a new landscaped median, sidewalks and bike paths. This project also includes the extension of the Via Real frontage road from Bailard Avenue to Linden Avenue. The U.S. 101 Overcrossing at Carpinteria Creek will also be widened to accommodate the future widening of the highway in this area.

Once completed, this project will improve traffic flow on U.S. 101 and local streets in Carpinteria. Roadway extensions, bike lanes and sidewalk improvements will also make it easier for residents to use local streets for in-town trips.

The contractor for this \$60 million project is Security Paving Company of Sylmar, CA. This project is scheduled to be complete in 2020.

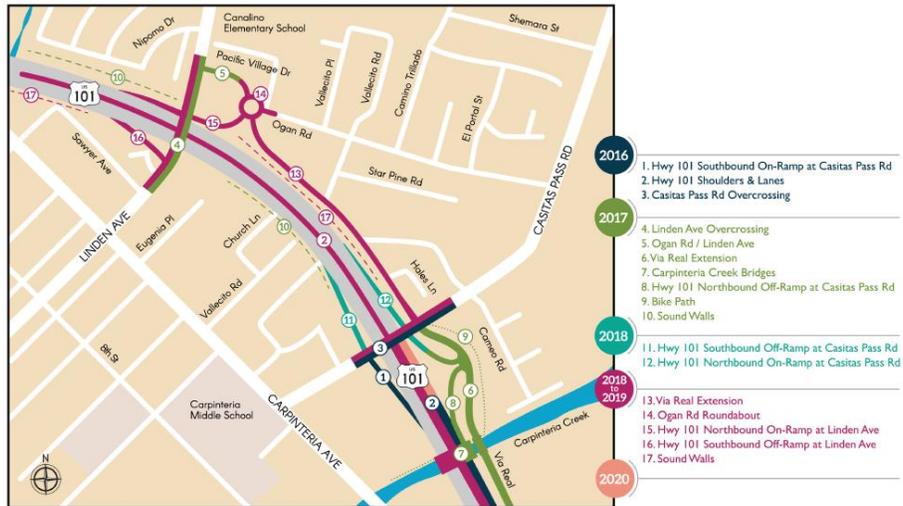
For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road\\_information.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm).

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Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty (center) with from left to right: State Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, Santa Barbara County Supervisor Salud Carbajal, City of Carpinteria Mayor Gregg Carty.

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