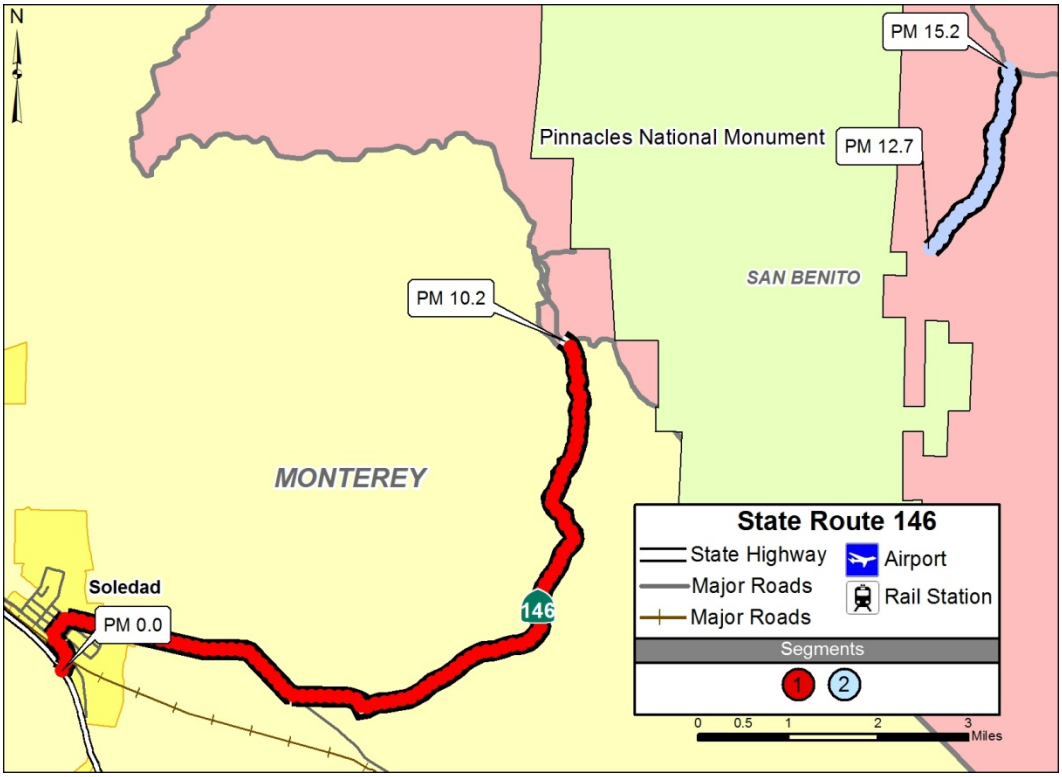
# Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

## State Route (SR) 146 in Monterey County

***Purpose of this Transportation Fact Sheet:***
Transportation Planning Fact Sheets provide one comprehensive summary document that captures physical, social, political, and development characteristics along State Routes and provides web links to various planning resources and documents. Fact sheets are to be used as supplemental planning documents to existing to Transportation Concept Reports (TCRs) and to future Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs).

***Route Description:***
SR 146 stretches 15.2 miles from Monterey to San Benito County. According to the *1990 Route Concept Report: Route 146 in Monterey and San Benito Counties*, the route is divided into two segments. SR 146 begins at the junction of Route 101 in Soledad and travels easterly through the flat and rolling terrain to the west boundary of Pinnacles national Monument where there is a break in the route. It resumes at the east boundary of Pinnacles National Monument (PNM) where it continues easterly to the junction of route 25 in San Benito County.




- Traffic: primarily local and regional
- Access Control: 2 to 4 lane conventional highway
- Functional Classification: major/minor collector
- Terrain: The terrain alternates between flat and rolling

***Traffic Volumes:***

- 2015 ADT: 700 - 17,400
- 2030 ADT: 1,300 - 24,000

***Truck Traffic:***

- Peak Hour: 3 – 9%
- ADT: 8.7 – 9.4%

***Future Concept:***

According to the *1990 Route Concept Report: Route 146 in Monterey and San Benito Counties*, the future concept for SR 146 in Monterey County is provided by Level of Service (LOS):

| Segment | Begin Postmile | End Postmile | Route Concept | Proposed Improvement |
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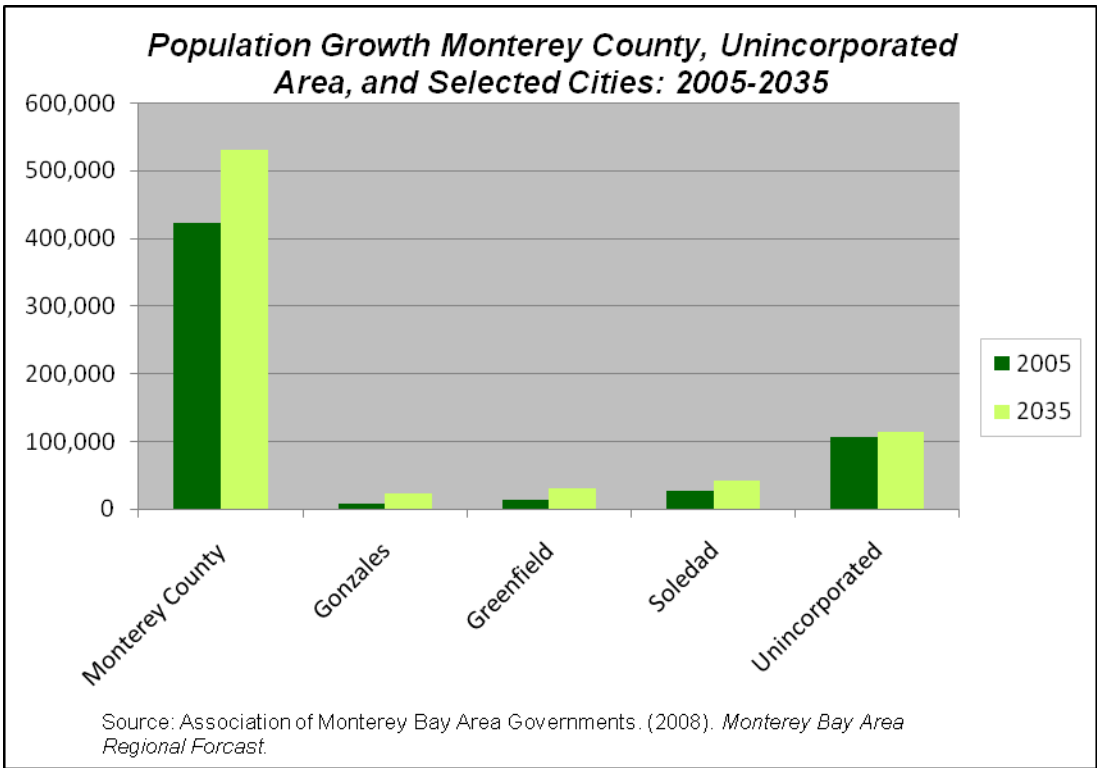
| Segment 1 (Mon) | 0.0 | 10.2 | LOS C | No Change |
| Segment 2 (Mon) | 12.7 | 15.2 | LOS C | No Change |

***Route Designation:***

- Truck Restrictions: Entire length in Monterey County.

***County Profile:***

- Located on the Central Coast of California, Monterey County consists of 12 incorporated cities, 3 of which are located near SR 146: Gonzales, Soledad, and Greenfield.
- The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments' Monterey Bay Area Regional Growth Forecast projects the population of Monterey County will grow to 530,362 from 422, 632.




- 51% of Monterey County Residents over 5 years of age speak a language other than English at home.
- Government services and farming dominate the economy of Monterey County, employing approximately 49% of the workforce in 2007. Strawberries constitute the principal crops for agriculture and many of the public sector jobs are associated with California State University,

Monterey Bay, and the state correctional facility in Soledad. While making up a small percentage of the total economy recreation and leisure, and professional services, experienced stronger absolute growth in 2007.

***Bicycle:***

- According to the Caltrans-District 5 *Bicycle Map: For State Highways of the Central Coast* (2004) all of the State Highways are open to bicyclist except at a few sections of freeways.
- SR 146 in Monterey is accessible to bicycle travel along its entire length, from the between the junction with U.S. Route 101 and SR 25.

***Public Transportation:***

- Monterey-Salinas Transit provides urban transit service within and among the urban communities on the Greater Monterey Peninsula. MST also provides inter-city service for travel from the Peninsula east to Salinas and to Watsonville in Santa Cruz County.
- Caltrain will extend commuter rail service to Monterey County beginning in 2011, adding stops in the cities of Pajaro, Castroville, and Salinas.
- The Monterey Peninsula Fixed Guideway Service will provide inner-city rail service along the Monterey Peninsula and in the Salinas area beginning 2014. The system will connect to the proposed Caltrain extension in Salinas.

***Intercity Rail Service:***

Amtrak provides rail and bus service in Monterey County. For rail service, the Coast Starlight runs from Seattle to Los Angeles with three stations in Monterey: Salinas, Gilroy, and King City. Additionally, the Coast Starlight is contiguous with the Pacific Surfliner between San Luis Obispo and Los Angles, providing the region access to that rail line, which runs from San Luis Obispo to San Diego. Finally, 7 Thruway Bus Stations are located in Monterey County: 1 in Carmel-by-the-Sea, 5 in Monterey, and 1 in Salinas. These stations connect the region to the Amtrak's nation rail network.

***Airport:***

Six airports are located throughout the Monterey County: The Monterey Peninsula Airport, Clark Ranch, San Ardo Field, Salinas Municipal Airport, Marina Municipal Airport, Mea Del Rey Municipal Airport. Of these six, the Monterey Peninsula Airport provides the most extensive public regional airport services.

***Transportation Agencies:***

- Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments - MPO
- Transportation Agency for Monterey County - RTPA

***State Highway Projects:***

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along SR 146 in Monterey County, click on the Caltrans, District 5, *Status of Projects* web link: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/.

- For more information about Caltrans Monterey County highway projects visit: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/#mon
- Transportation Projects identified in the identified in the TAMC 2005 Regional Transportation Plan: http://www.tamcmonterey.org/programs/rtp/index.html
- Local Agency STIP Projects – Caltrans Local Assistance Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html

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