

Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

State Route (SR) 146 in San Benito County

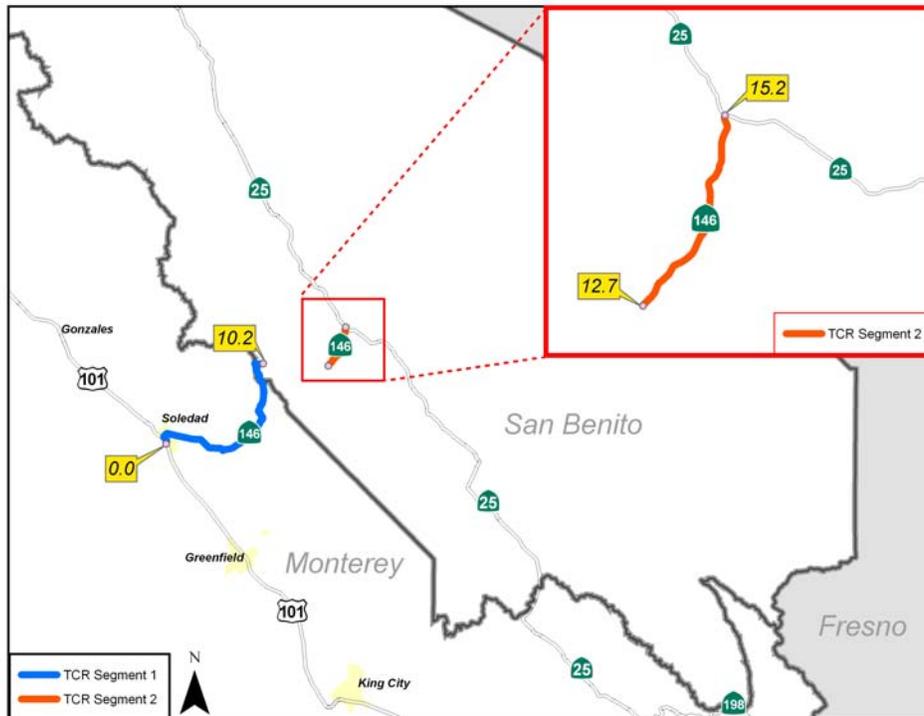


Purpose of this Transportation Planning Fact Sheet:

Transportation Planning Fact Sheets provide one comprehensive interactive 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 Caltrans Transportation Concept Reports (TCRs).

Route Description:

- Route 146 begins at the junction of Route 101 in the City of Soledad (Monterey County) and travels easterly through the flat and rolling terrain to the west boundary of Pinnacles National Monument, where there is a **route break**. It resumes at the east boundary of Pinnacles National Monument, where it continues easterly through rolling terrain to the junction of Route 25 in San Benito County.
- Traffic along SR 146 is both local and recreational/tourism-related in nature
- The [SR 146 Transportation Concept Report](#) (TCR) divides Route 146 into 2 segments, one in Monterey County (PM 0.0/10.2) and one in San Benito County (PM 12.7/15.2) – see map below
- Type of facility: 2 lane undivided conventional highway
- Functional Classification: Rural Major Collector
- Terrain: Rolling
- Truck Traffic: 3% peak hour (2005)
- See the **SR 146 Corridor Data Summary Sheet** for more route details
 - ❖ Note: Corridor Data Summary Sheet segments are **not always** consistent with TCR segments – check post miles



- Future concept: No proposed improvements are listed
- ❖ Concept taken from the 1990 SR 146 TCR, but is still valid because no major improvement projects have been completed since then.

Traffic Volumes:

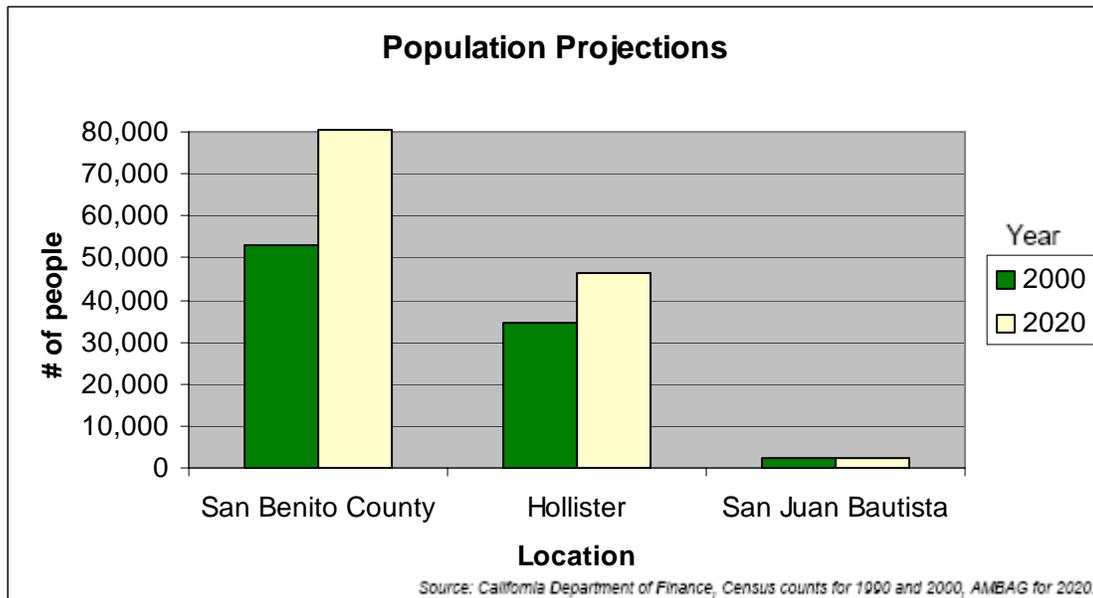
- ADT: 170 (Highway Segment Inventory - yr. 2006)
- Forecast ADT: 143 (yr. 2018)
121 (yr. 2028)

Route Designations:

- ❖ [Scenic Highway System](#) Eligible
- ❖ **Bicycle Accessible** (PM 12.8 to Route 25/146 junction)
- ❖ **Truck Advisory**
 - ❖ Truck Advisory – Trucks over 30 ft. between West boundary of Pinnacles National Monument (PM 12.71) to Route 25/146 junction (PM 15.152).

County Profile:

- [San Benito County](#) consists of two incorporated cities: [Hollister](#) and [San Juan Bautista](#) (web links connect to City/County General Plan)
- SBt County: 45% growth between 1990 to 2000, from 36,697 to 53,234 (3.8% per year)
 - 51.5% projected growth between 2000 to 2020, from 53,234 to 80,653



- **35.3%** of San Benito County residents speak Spanish as their first language.
- San Benito is a unique rural county surrounded by the more urban counties of Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey. 1990's growth in Santa Clara County created tremendous pressure for residential growth in San Benito County, where housing costs are significantly lower. This has dramatically increased demands on the regional transportation system.
- Although there are limited facilities for bicyclists in San Benito County, in 2001 the Council of San Benito County Governments adopted a [Bikeway and Master Plan](#).

Public Transportation:

[San Benito County Express](#) provides fixed route service in the city of Hollister, and intercity service in the northern portion of the county. Service operates as far north as [Gilroy](#), in [Santa Clara County](#).

Commuter Rail Service:

Commuter rail service to Santa Clara County and points north is available in Gilroy (Santa Clara Co.). A feasibility analysis of commuter rail in San Benito County was completed in 2000 and included cost estimates that were far outside of available and projected funding and low ridership projections. As of 2005, the Council of San Benito County Governments was not actively pursuing a rail project but included the project in its long-term project list.

Airport:

[Hollister Municipal Airport](#), a general aviation airport, is located just north of Hollister.

Transportation Agencies:

- [Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments](#) (AMBAG) – Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
- [Council of San Benito County Governments](#) (SBtCOG) – Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA)
 - [San Benito County Rideshare](#)
 - [San Benito County Local Transportation Authority \(LTA\)](#)
 - [San Benito County Express](#)
 - [Measure A Authority \(MEA\)](#)
 - [Service Authority of Freeways and Expressways \(SAFE\)](#)
 - [Airport Land Use Commission \(ALUC\)](#)

TCR General Recommendations:

- No proposed improvements are listed

State Highway Projects:

For an updated list of State Highway projects (including State Transportation Improvement Plan/State Highway Operation and Protection Program) along U.S. Route 101 in San Benito County, click the Caltrans District 5 *Status of Projects* web link:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/pdf/d5sop.pdf>

- For more information about Caltrans San Benito County highway projects, visit: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/-sbt>
- Transportation Projects Identified in the SBtCOG Regional Transportation Plan: <http://www.sanbenitocog.org/EIR4RTP/2Projectdescription.pdf>
- Local Agency STIP Projects - Caltrans Local Assistance Website: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html

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