

# Transportation Planning Fact Sheet

## State Route (SR) 156 West in Monterey County

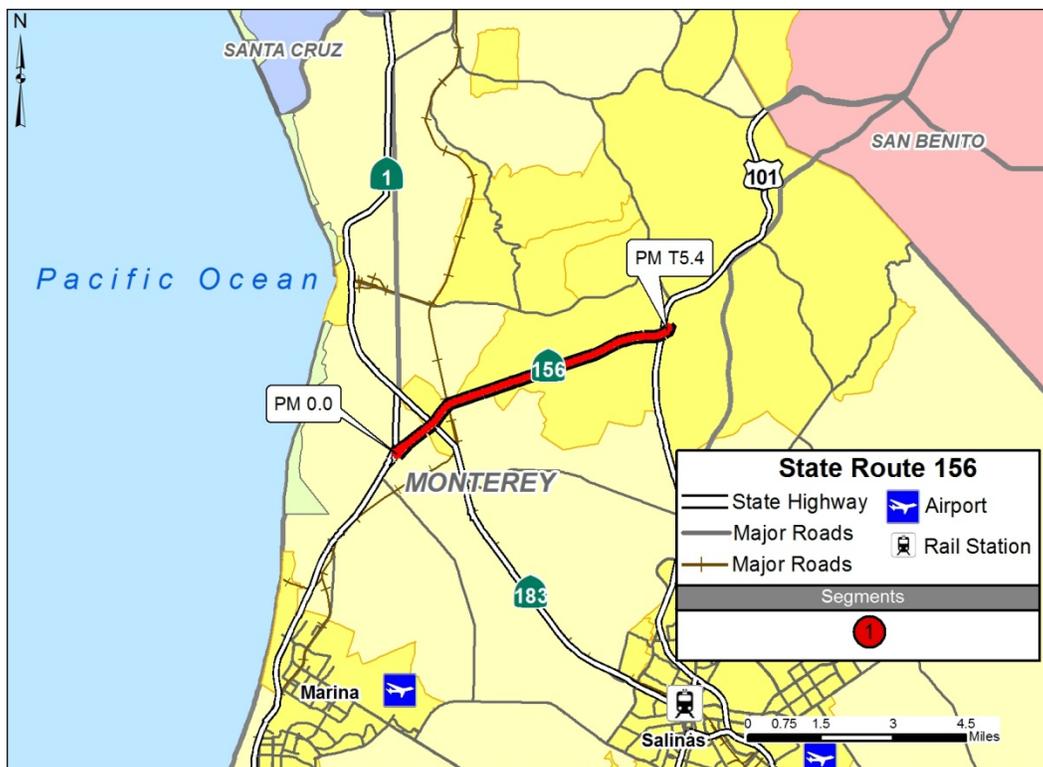


### **Purpose of this Transportation Fact Sheet:**

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 Transportation Concept Reports (TCRs) and to future Corridor System Management Plans (CSMPs).

### **Route Description:**

SR 156 West is in Monterey County and approximately 7 miles from SR 1 to US 101. SR 156 is contiguous with US 101 into San Benito County until SR 156 East.



- Traffic: local and interregional
- Access Control: 2 to 4 lane freeway and conventional highway
- Functional Classification: freeway and expressway and principal arterial
- Terrain: Rolling

### **Traffic Volumes:**

- 2015 ADT: 31,000 - 35,600
- 2030 ADT: 33,100 - 42,300

**Truck Volumes:**

- Peak Hour: 5 - 6%
- ADT: 8.2 - 8.3%

**Future Concept:**

According to the 1986 *Route Concept Report: Route 156 in Monterey and San Benito Counties*, the future concept for SR 156 in Monterey County is provided by Level of Service (LOS):

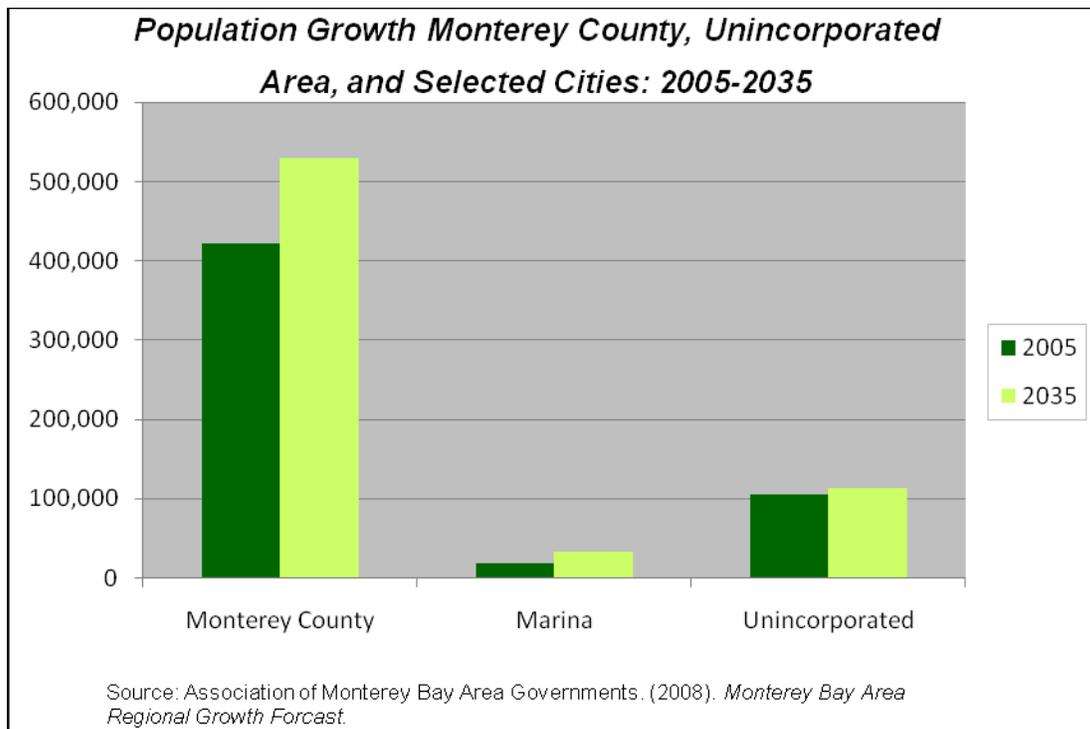
Segment	Begin Postmile	End Postmile	Route Concept
Segment 1 (Mon)	0.0	T5.4	LOS C, 76' 4-lane section w/channelization

**Route Designation:**

- ❖ [Interregional Road System](#)
- ❖ [High Emphasis Route](#)
- ❖ [Focus Route](#)
- ❖ [Scenic Highway System](#) Official for most of segment. Eligible from PM R 0.167 to PM 1.014.
- ❖ [National Highway System](#)
- ❖ [Freeway and Expressway System](#)
- ❖ [Bicycle Accessible](#) (Open from PM R0.996 to PM T5.427)
- ❖ [Terminal Access Route](#) to the National Truck Network

**County Profile:**

- Located on the Central Coast of California, [Monterey County](#) consists of 12 incorporated cities, 1 of which is located near SR 156: [Marina](#).
- 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 are 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. Recreation and leisure, and professional services, while making up a small percentage of the total economy, experienced strong absolute growth in 2007.

**Bicycle Access:**

- 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.
- A majority of SR 156 is open to bicycles, with the exception of the portion between the SR 1 interchange and the SR 186 interchange. In each case, the Pacific Coast Bicycle Route and other local routes provides access.

**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 Angeles, 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 156 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](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/local/stip_index.html)

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