



**Route 156 West Corridor - Phase 1**

EA: 05-316000 PPNO: 0057C

**Nominator:** Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC)

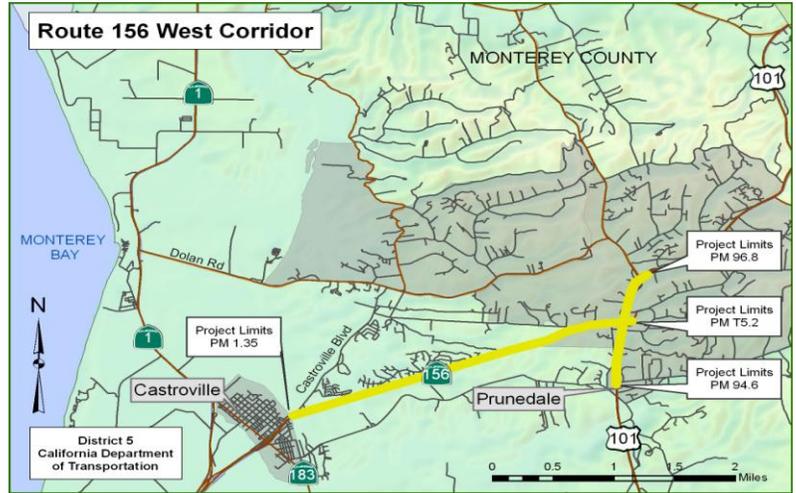
**Project Description:** Widen Highway 156 West to a 4-lane divided expressway and build an interchange.

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**Project Proposal**

Route 156 is a Focus Route and gateway for tourists traveling from the Bay Area to the Monterey Peninsula. On the weekends, 156 is heavily congested and has safety concerns. This project proposes to improve safety, operations and congestion relief by converting the narrow two-lane conventional highway to a four-lane expressway.

The cost to improve the entire corridor is estimated at \$350 million. The project team has determined that phasing the project would be the best approach for obtaining funding.



**Phase 1**

Phase 1 proposes to widen Highway 156 West to a four-lane divided expressway from just west of Castroville Boulevard to just east of Cathedral Oaks Road, and construct an interchange at Castroville Boulevard. This phase would provide significant local access improvements, which would dramatically improve the safety and operations in that section of the corridor. It would also provide significant operational improvement for interregional travelers.

**Phase 2**

The second phase of the project would construct interchange improvements at US 101 and Highway 156 to improve traffic flow in the area. The Transportation Agency for Monterey County is currently working with Caltrans to define features of these interchange improvements so that future traffic is accommodated with limited impacts to the surrounding community.

**Current Project Status:** PA&ED is 90 percent complete

**Schedule/Cost (Non-Escalated x1000's) – Phase 1 Only**

Fund	Cost (in \$1,000's, Escalated)						
	Con	RW	PA&ED	PS&E	RW Sup	Con Sup	Total
RIP							
IIP			\$7,700				\$7,700
Other	\$45,000	\$24,000		\$10,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$97,000
Demo			5,000				5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,000</b>	<b>\$24,000</b>	<b>\$12,700</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$15,000</b>	<b>\$109,700</b>

Schedule	
MILESTONE	Date
PA & ED	5/7/2012
R/W Cert	7/6/2016
PS&E to HQ	7/6/2016
RTL	1/3/2017
Appr. Contr.	10/7/2022

