



# Route 1/17 Widening for Merge Lanes, City of Santa Cruz

## Project Purpose

The purpose of the proposed project is to target specific areas within the Route 1/17 interchange where cost effective improvements can be implemented to address localized safety and operational deficiencies.

## Background

Motorists traveling northbound on Route 1 and southbound on Route 17 must navigate the 1/17 interchange through loop ramps and difficult merges. The traffic volumes through the interchange have surpassed the original design volumes, resulting in congestion, inefficient traffic flow and accidents.

## Project Description

The proposed project would add merge lanes to the connection between northbound Route 1 and northbound Route 17, and to southbound Route 1 through the 1/17 interchange. Existing bridge structures would be widened or replaced, and soundwalls constructed. The project area would be landscaped with redwoods, live oaks, and vines playing a prominent role in the proposed planting design.

## Project Cost

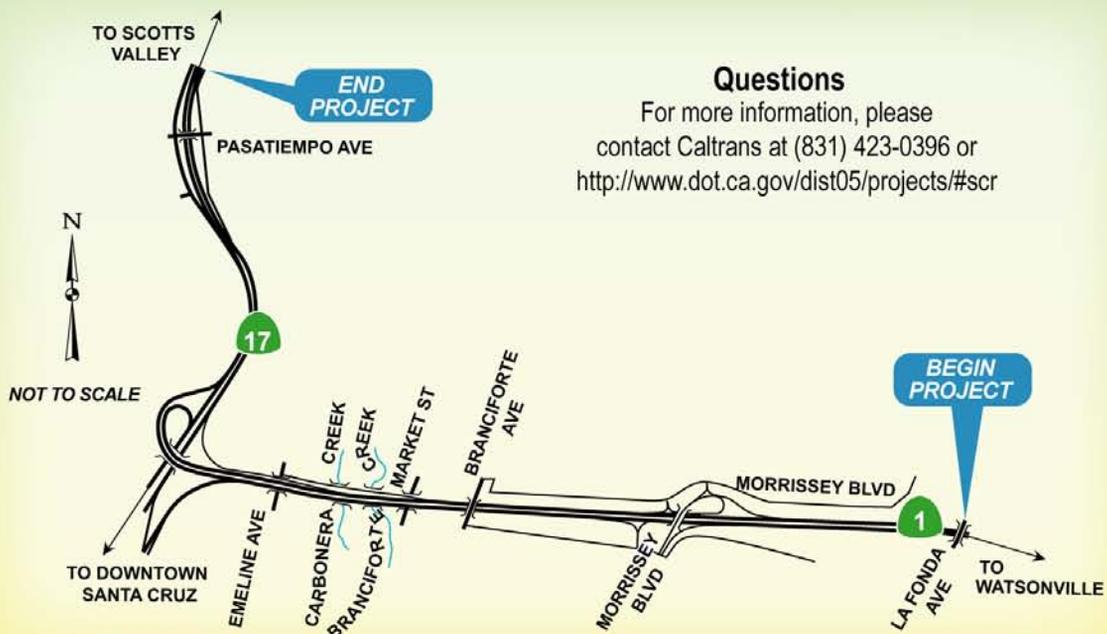
Construction cost: \$52 million estimated

## Funding Sources

The project is proposed to be funded through the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP)

## Project Timeline

Right of Way Clearance:	Spring 2005
Anticipated Construction Start:	Fall 2005
Construction Complete:	Fall 2008



## Questions

For more information, please contact Caltrans at (831) 423-0396 or <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/#scr>



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