

# Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **SUMMARY NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT, ROUTE 101 IN MONTEREY COUNTY CONSTRUCT INTERCHANGE NEAR SAN JUAN BAUTISTA**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

The Department of Transportation recommends that the California Transportation Commission (Commission) review and comment at the April 2006 Commission meeting on the following Notice of Preparation (NOP):

- 05-Mon-101, PM 100.0/101.3. Construct new interchange near San Juan Bautista in Monterey County.

## **PROGRAMMING:**

The project is currently programmed as “environmental only.” The Project Approval and Environmental Document phase is funded in the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program for \$1.46 million in Interregional Improvement Program funds.

## **ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED:**

- Alternative 1A: Spread Diamond Interchange – Located approximately midway between Dunbarton Road to the south and San Juan Road to the north.
- Alternative 1B: Compact Diamond Interchange– Same location as Alternative 1A, with interchange ramps and frontage road closer to alignment of highway.
- Alternative 2: Compact Diamond Interchange– Located near the San Juan Road/ Route 101 intersection, with frontage road on east side of Route 101.
- Alternatives 4, 5, 9A and 9B: Same general location as Alternative 2, with variations on the interchange configuration and the frontage road alignment.
- No Build.

**POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS:**

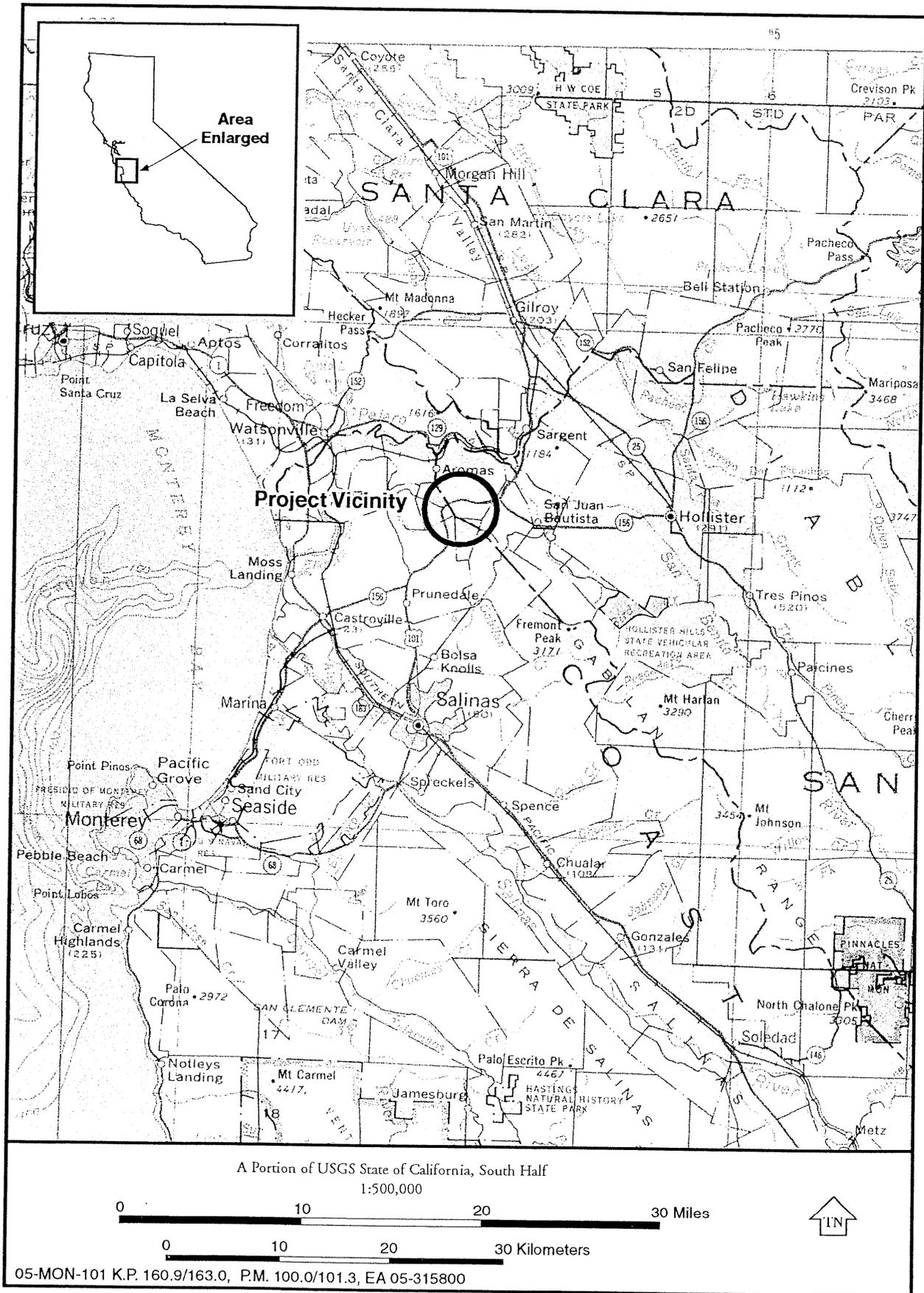
- Floodplain encroachment
- Drainage
- Hazardous waste
- Visual impacts

Based on the potential for significant impacts regarding contaminated soils, alteration of drainage patterns and floodplains, an Environmental Impact Report is being prepared.

**PROPOSED MEASURES TO MINIMIZE HARM:**

- Avoidance of service station acquisition
- Visual resource mitigation
- A new alternative north of the floodplain and Elkhorn Slough.

Attachment



Map 1. Project Vicinity.