Purpose & Need

- The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the operations and multimodal access of the US 101/Avila Beach Drive interchange northbound and southbound intersections.

- The intersection is currently operating at Level of Service (LOS) “F” during p.m. peak periods.

Background

- In January 2015, SLOCOG, Caltrans and the County of San Luis Obispo initiated Project Study Report-Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) “scoping” effort corresponding to the County’s capital improvement project and the recommendations listed in SLOCOG’s 2014 US 101 Corridor Mobility Master Plan.

- In May 2016, PSR-PDS was completed, which included an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE). Three alternatives will be evaluated in the Project Approval-Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase:
  
  Alt 1: Roundabouts of both southbound (west) and northbound (east) off-ramps/on-ramps of US 101
  
  Alt 2: Roundabout only on the southbound (west) off-ramp/on-ramp of US 101
  
  Alt 3: No-build

- In addition to interchange improvements, a Park&Ride and bus stop at the southwest corner of Avila Beach Drive and Shell Beach Drive is anticipated to be part of this project.

- In November 2017, PA&ED phase was initiated. Various engineering and environmental studies have been completed and have identified Alternative #2 to be the tentative preferred alternative pending remaining studies.

- Project is on schedule to complete PA&ED phase by Fall 2019.

Estimated Schedule

- Initiation & Scoping (PSR-PDS)— complete
- Approval & Enviro (PA&ED)— Fall 2019
- Final Design (PS&E) — Fall 2021
- Construction— pending funding

Estimated Construction Cost

- Approximately $4M to $7M per preliminary estimates identified in the PSR-PDS

Critical Issues

- Funding for construction is not currently available. We are continuously pursuing funds

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Avila Beach Drive at US 101 Interchange Project

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See the Public Works Department’s Avila Beach Drive at 101 Project webpage:

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