PSR-PDS was approved by Caltrans in May 2016. The completion of this project initiation phase establishes the project’s purpose & need, provides scope approval, and allows for project development to begin.

Project Approval & Environmental document (PA&ED)

PA&ED phase is estimated to begin October 2017 and to be completed around Spring 2020. The County is currently in the process of hiring a consultant to initiate PA&ED efforts.

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

http://www.slocounty.ca.gov/PW/Projects/Avila_at_101
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 PSR-PDS effort corresponding to the County’s capital improvement project and the recommendations listed in SLOCOG’s 2014 US 101 Corridor Mobility Master Plan.

Background (continued)

• In May 2016, PSR-PDS was completed, which included an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE). Three alternatives will be evaluated in 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.

Estimated Schedule

• PSR-PDS— complete
• PA&ED— Spring 2020
• 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