

Route 154 Operational Improvements



Project Overview

The Route 154 Improvements will improve **safety and traffic flow** by constructing a new passing lane, adding new turn lanes at three intersections, and improving an existing turnout area.

These improvements are in response to increasing traffic on Route 154 and were jointly planned by a the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments and Caltrans beginning in 2002.

SBCAG completed a first phase of operational improvements in 1997 and has invested nearly \$26 million in Measure D dollars to construct improvements on Route 154

The construction costs for this project are approximately \$5 million and are funded entirely by **Measure D**, Santa Barbara County's local transportation sales tax.

The following improvements will be constructed in four through main areas (see map as reference):

- Turning lanes at Route 246
- Westbound passing lane east of Route 246
- Turning lanes at Paradise Rd.
- Turning lanes into Vista Point
- Improved turnout area on Route 154 (eastbound)

Construction Timeline: July 2008 – Summer 2009

Work Hours: 7:00am – 3:30pm weekdays

The majority of work will occur behind concrete barriers during daytime work hours; some nighttime lane closures will occur to move concrete barriers for project staging.

During construction, Route 154 will remain open with temporary lane closures as needed during daytime work hours; flagmen will guide traffic through the work zones during temporary lane closures.

SBCAG will also be assisted by CHP patrols to help monitor safety through the construction zones. Vista Point will be closed during construction in the area.

Construction Updates: throughout construction, updates will be available on 1-888-SB-ROADS (1-888-727-6237).



For additional information, please call 1-888-SB-ROADS (1-888-727-6237)



Route 154 Improvements: Detailed Project Components

➤ Turning & passing lanes on Route 154 at Route 246 intersection

- New passing lane on westbound Route 154 between Santa Agueda Creek and continuing for 0.9 miles
- Route 154 left turn lane onto Route 246 lengthened by 250'
- Route 154 right turn lane onto Route 246 added with striped median to allow room for larger trucks

➤ Turning lanes on Route 154 at intersection at Paradise Rd.

- Route 154 (westbound) right turn lane onto Paradise Rd. added; 500' in length
- Route 154 curve smoothed out near Paradise Road
- Median acceleration lane added for traffic exiting Paradise Road and heading toward Santa Barbara – allows vehicles time to get up to speed prior to merging into existing Route 154 eastbound lane

➤ Turning lanes on Route 154 at Vista Point

- Route 154 (westbound) right turn lane into Vista Point added
- Route 154 (eastbound) left turn lane into Vista Point added
- New native plantings added with irrigation
- Improved guardrail and cable railing for maintenance work and drainage facilities

➤ Improved turnout area on the eastbound side of Route 154

- Improvements to two small existing turnouts to create one large turnout for eastbound (toward Santa Barbara) traffic.
- Improved drainage facilities



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