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## Caltrans Completes Highway 101 Carpool Lane Project Thanks to SB 1 Funds

*The project adds carpool lanes between Carpinteria and Santa Barbara*

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY** - Caltrans announced on Friday it has completed construction to add carpool lanes on Highway 101 in Santa Barbara County. The \$350 million project includes \$184 million in funding from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

“By opening new carpool lanes, we are encouraging people to rideshare and use transit during the most heavily congested periods of the day,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins. “This important SB 1 project along US 101 corridor will serve the people of the South Coast and beyond.”

The project added peak-period carpool lanes in each direction between Bailard Avenue and the southbound Highway 101 on-ramp at Santa Claus Lane through the City of Carpinteria. This section of US 101 is used by about 95,000 commuters, truckers, and tourists per day who travel between Santa Barbara and Ventura County.

This project also included new bridges over Franklin and Santa Monica Creeks, new freeway on-and off-ramps at Santa Monica Road, Carpinteria Avenue and Reynolds Avenue, and six new sound walls to reduce freeway noise for neighbors. On local streets, intersections were improved at Santa Monica Road & Via Real, Reynolds and Carpinteria Avenues and the freeway ramps.

The completed project is the first phase of a \$700 million Highway 101 Carpinteria to Santa Barbara project awarded to Granite Construction of Santa Barbara. It is part of long-term congestion relief efforts in Santa Barbara County known as the “lane and train” strategy for Highway 101 to provide multimodal options for the traveling public developed by Caltrans and the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG).

Construction is funded by state, federal, and local Measure A transportation sales tax revenue. Two and a half miles remain to be fully funded along with bike, pedestrian, transit and rail improvements through Montecito and Santa Barbara.

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SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually split between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about other transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](http://RebuildingCA.ca.gov).

More information and updates on this project can be found at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/d5/> or on Twitter via [@CaltransD5](https://twitter.com/CaltransD5).



*US 101 before the project*



*New carpool lanes on US 101*

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