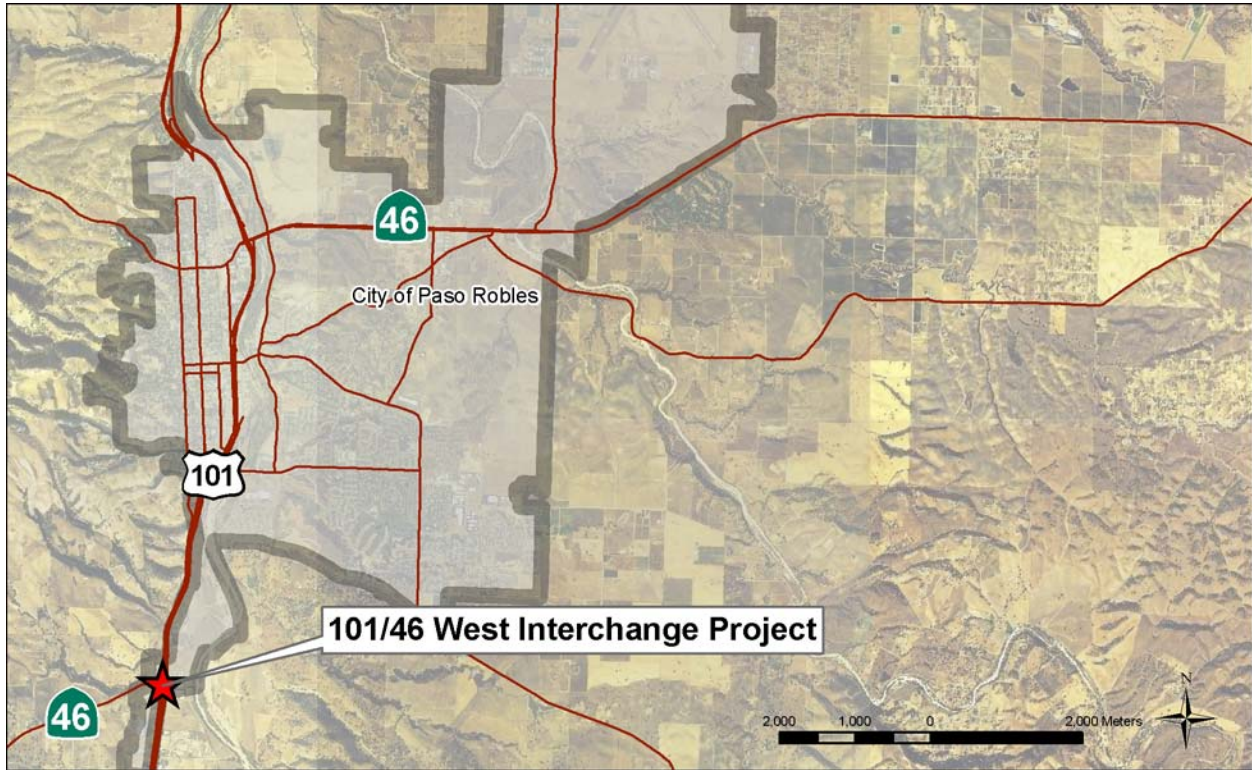


# State Route 101/46 West Interchange Improvements Project Fact Sheet



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**Project Sponsor:**

*San Luis Obispo Council of Governments:* The role of the project sponsor is to secure funding for the project

**Implementing Agency:**

*City of Paso Robles:* The role of the implementing agency is the entity charged with successful completion of each project component/phase

**Lead Agency:**

*Caltrans:* The role of the lead agency is to approve the project.

**Purpose & Need:** The purpose of the proposed project is to reduce existing congestion, improve traffic operations, and accommodate anticipated travel demand through the year 2038. State Route 46 is a major east-west route between the San Joaquin Valley and the Pacific Coast. This regional traffic influences traffic operations at the US 101/State Route 46 West interchange. State Route 46 and the US 101/State Route 46 West interchange is heavily used for weekend travel between the Central Valley and the coast, particularly during the summer months. The general increase in traffic, coupled with the anticipated future traffic from approved projects in the area, is forecast to continue to degrade and cause extensive traveler delay.

**Project Features:** The proposed project includes reconstruction the on- and off-ramps and the relocation of Theatre Drive to a new intersection with State Route 46. Interchange reconstruction would include two new roundabouts. Adjacent frontage roads would be either redirected into the new roundabouts or relocated away from the interchange.

**Estimate Cost:** Two viable build alternatives (Build Alternatives 1 and 2) and the No-Build Alternative are being considered. Project costs were estimated in 2007 as \$29.6 million and \$35.0 million for Build Alternatives 1 and 2, respectively.

**Project Schedule:**

Draft Environmental Document Available for Public Comment/Review in April 2008  
Final Environmental Document Approved in Fall 2008  
Begin Construction: To Be Determined