



Highway 9 San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Program

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Measure D

Provides critical
Highway 9 San
Lorenzo Valley
Complete Streets
Funding



- 2016 Transportation Sales Tax [Measure D](#)
 - Passed in 2016 by **67.8%** of voters
 - ½ cent sales tax to implement a range of local transportation needs
 - Commits **\$10 million over 30 years** to safety and multimodal improvements on and connecting to Highway 9
 - Used by RTC to secure federal and state **grants which require a match**



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SLV Program Planning Efforts

Highway 9/SLV Complete Streets Corridor Plan (SLV Plan)– Completed 2019



- Robust public input on this community-based [plan](#) carried out 2017–18
- Outlines Complete Streets **improvements for all modes of transportation for the four towns, and other critical locations:**
 - Sidewalks
 - Enhanced crosswalks
 - Bicycle facilities
 - Access to and improvements for Metro transit stops
 - Other enhancements to reduce conflicts and speeding



Highway 9 San Lorenzo Valley Complete Streets Corridor Plan



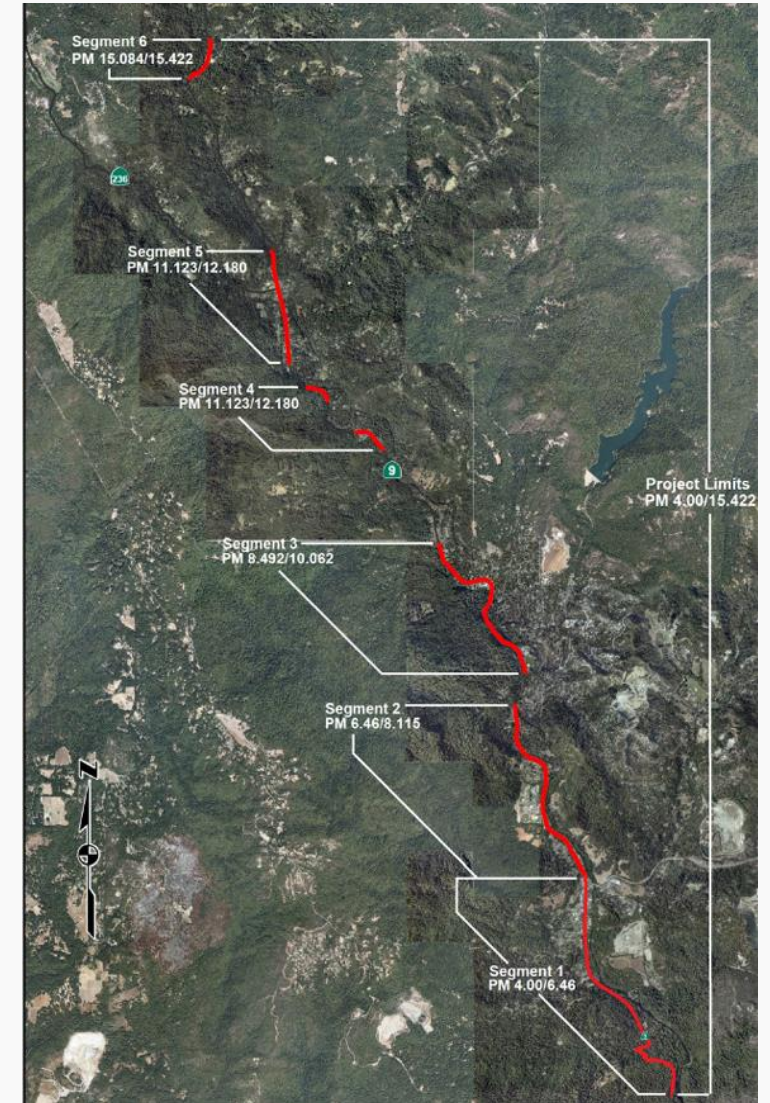
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05-1M550 Hwy 9 Complete Streets Project Initiation Document (PID) – Completed 2022



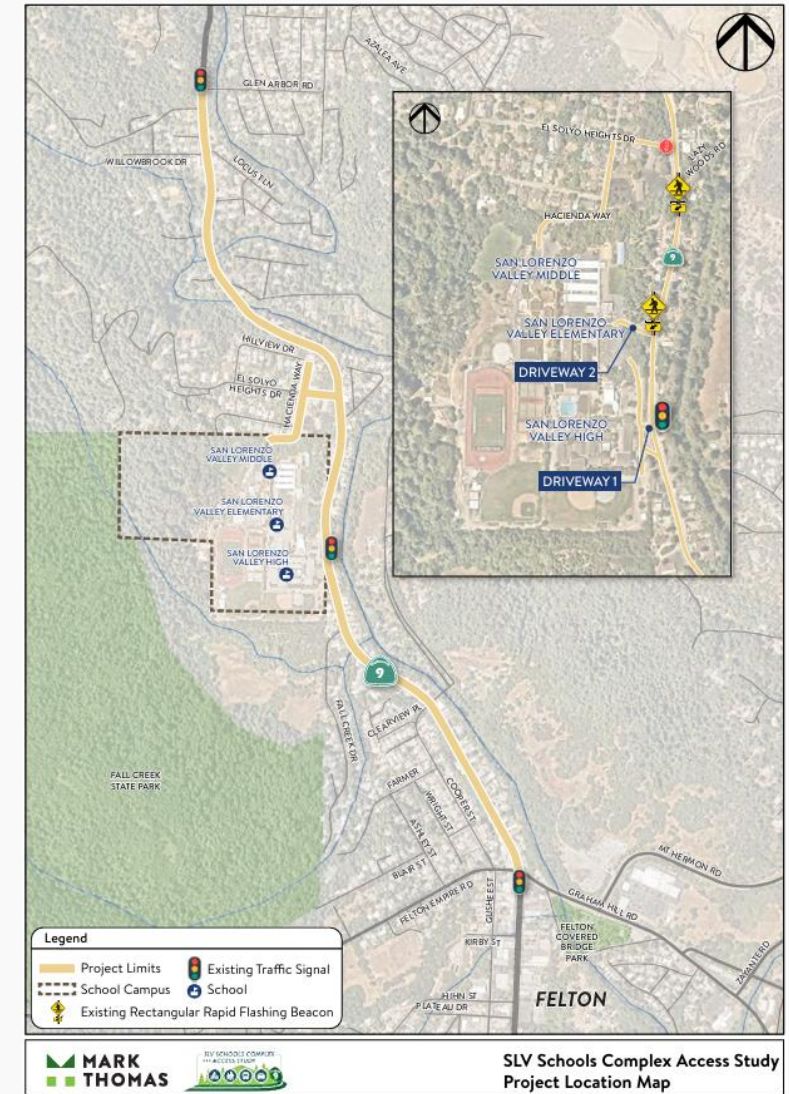
- Approved **PID required by Caltrans** before Environmental Impact Report phase
- Defines a Caltrans-approved project scope, including:
 - **Cost Estimates**
 - **Implementation Schedule**
 - **Conceptual Designs**
- The [SLV PID](#) brings projects identified in the SCCRTC's SLV Plan into the Caltrans implementation framework



SLV Schools Access Study – Completed 2023



- Segment 2 of the SLV PID, from Graham Hill intersection in Felton to southern intersection with Glen Arbor in Ben Lomond was **identified as requiring supplemental planning efforts**
- This [Study](#) refined concepts to increase safety and throughput past the SLV Schools campus, **especially during peak student drop off and pickup times**
- **SLVUSD** was a project partner, and have **already implemented many** of the identified circulation and parking improvements on school property
- Improvements on Caltrans property south of El Solvo Heights **are being constructed** through the 05-1K890 CAPM partnership between RTC and Caltrans



Rural Highways Safety Plan – Completed 2026



- Planning documents must be updated every 5 years, outreach conducted 2024-25
 - [RHSP](#) **expanded scope to include all rural highways** in the County
- Data-driven analysis determines **patterns of crashes**, as well as locations with similar existing condition that **may be at-risk for future crashes**
 - All four towns were identified as high Potential Risk locations, as well as sections north of Boulder Creek
- **Updated and refined safety enhancement options**, especially in contexts where Highway 9 functions as a Main Street
- Approved Safety Action Plan **opens up new state and federal funding opportunities**

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Rural Highways Safety Plan



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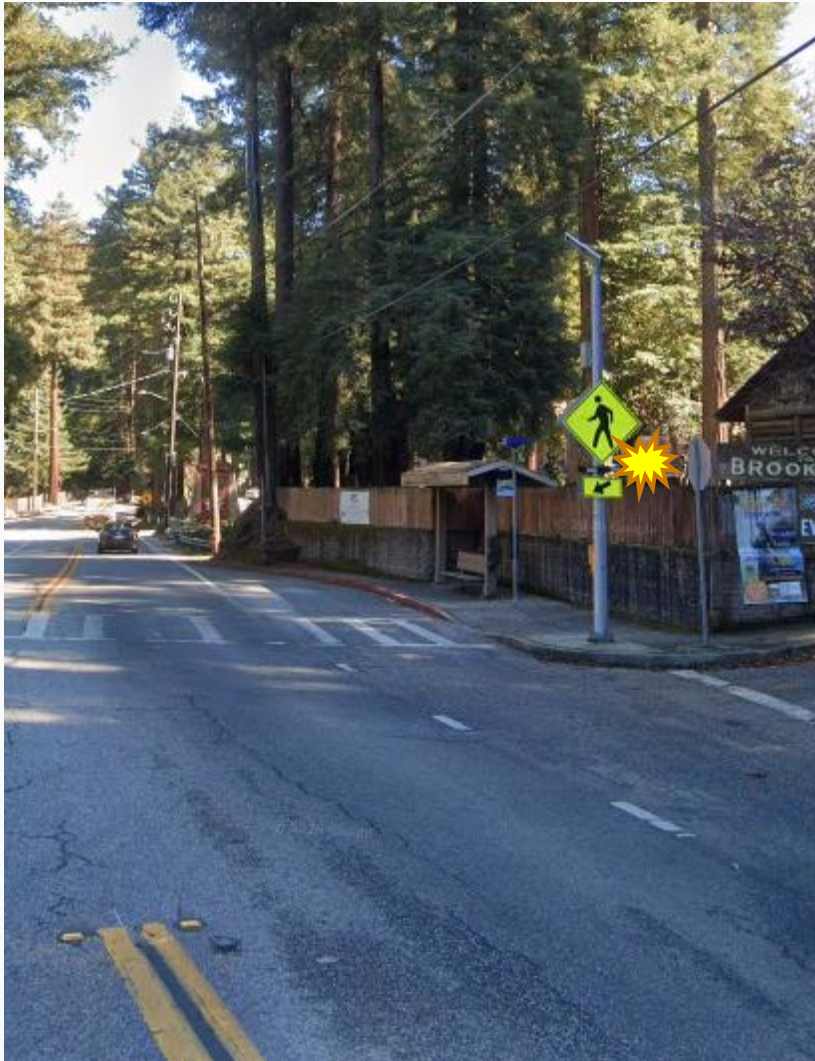
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SLV Program Implementation Efforts and Caltrans-led Projects on Hwy 9

Implementation Completed to Date



- **2019** – Alternative route signage and repaving of alternative route, SLV High to Felton ([RTC](#))
- **2020** – Installation of 5 Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons (RRFBs), pedestrian-activated flashers at crosswalks ([RTC](#))
- **2026** – Begin construction sidewalk SLV High to Felton ([Caltrans](#))

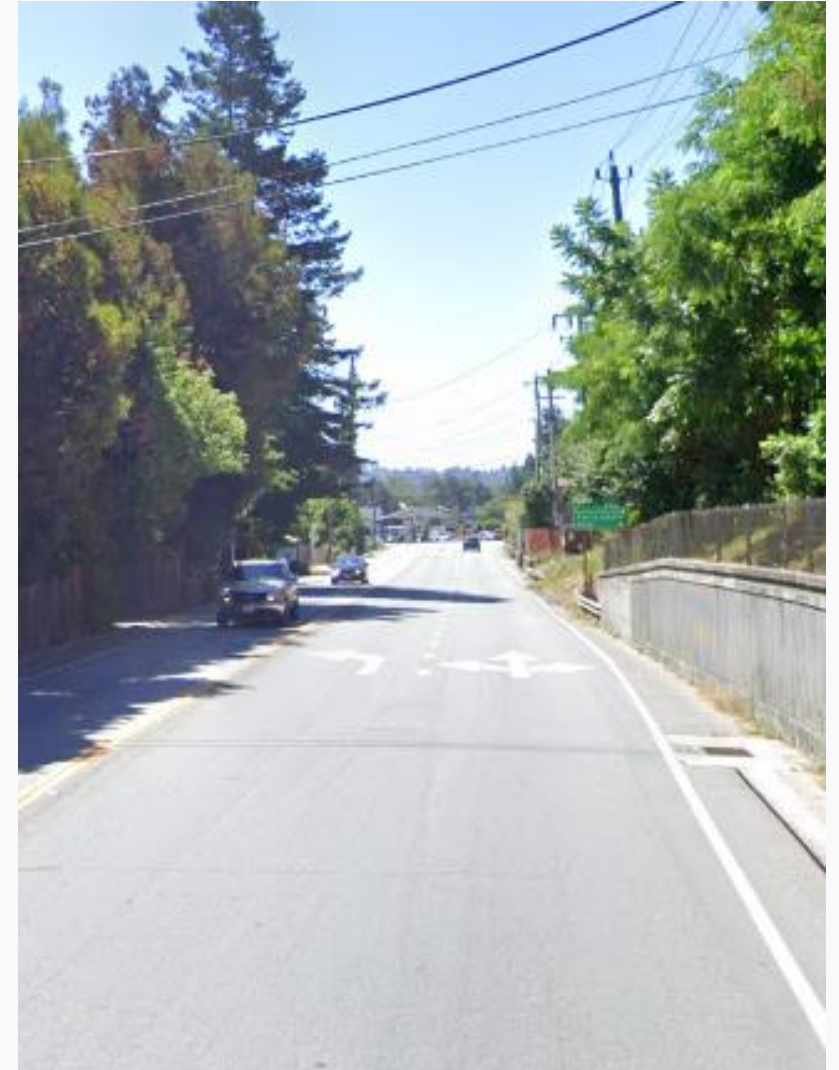


05-1M400 Safety Project

– Currently In Construction (Caltrans)



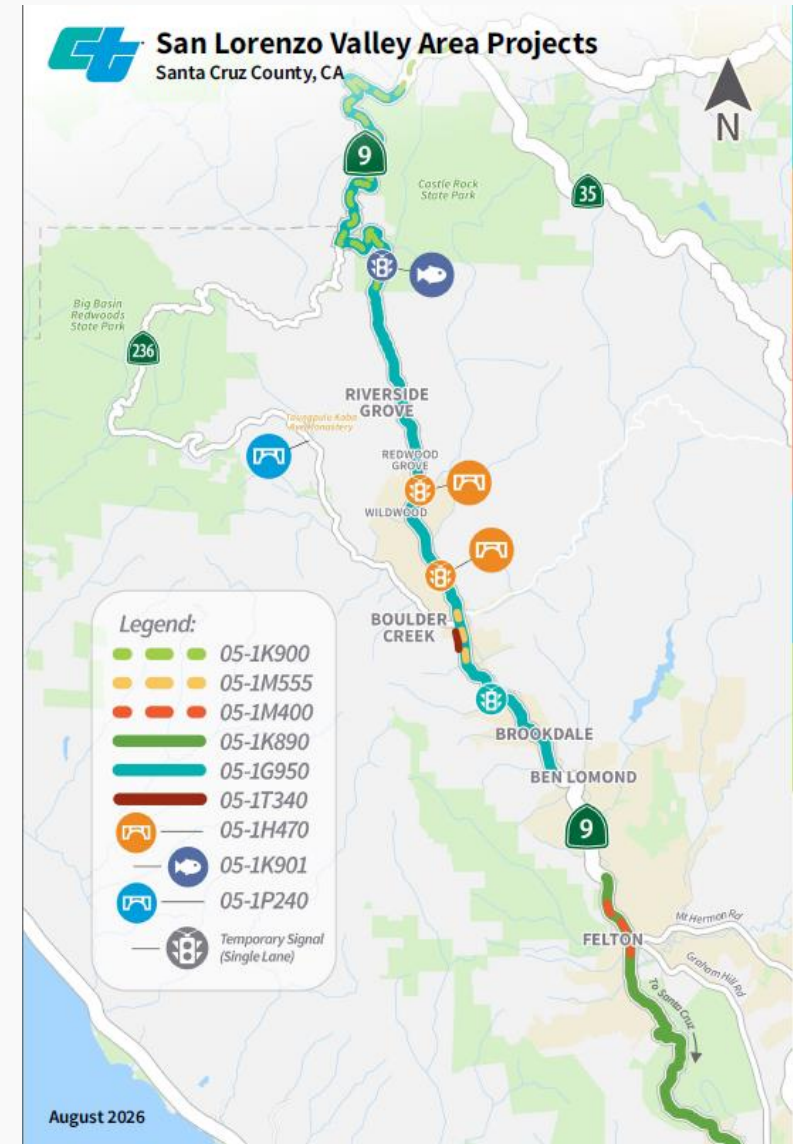
- After pedestrian fatality in 2019, Caltrans began working towards adding a **sidewalk on southbound Highway 9** between SLV High and Felton
 - [Project](#) also includes "bikeable" shoulders
- Currently under construction, K-Rail expected to **remain in place until February 2027**
- Dedicated pedestrian and bicycle facilities to connect students between SLV High and Felton **was identified as the #1 priority in the SLV Plan.**



Other Caltrans-led Projects – Currently In Construction



- **Many other non-Complete Streets related projects** currently under construction by Caltrans
 - See Caltrans fact sheet and links to information on all Highway 9 projects on the SLV Program webpage – sccrtc.org/slvplan
- **Email info-d5@dot.ca.gov** for more information on Caltrans projects or to communicate concerns
- **Other work on or near the highway**, like tree trimming around power lines, is performed by 3rd party contractors and may also impact driving times

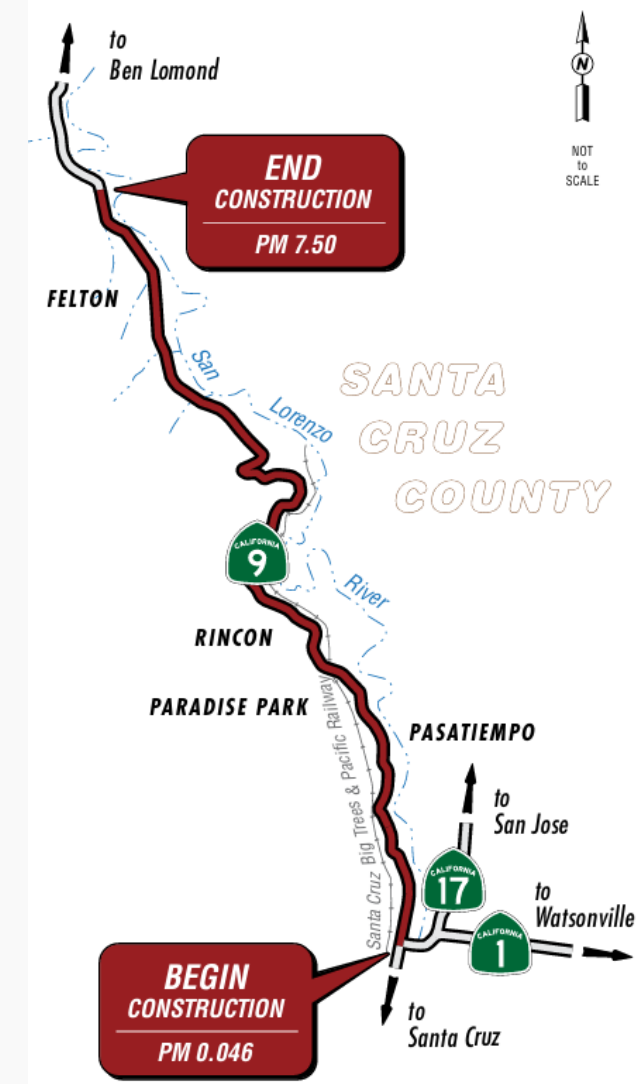


05-1K890 Felton CAPM

– Construction 2027 (Caltrans and RTC)



- Caltrans-led Capital and Preventative Maintenance (CAPM) repaving [project](#)
 - **Repaving Highway 9** from Highway 1 to El Solyo Heights
 - Caltrans-funded components include **a center left turn lane downtown, and new sidewalks and bike lanes** from Graham Hill intersection to Laurel Drive (Farmer's Market)
- SLV Program collaborating with Caltrans to include supplemental complete streets features:
 - **Enhancements to multiple existing crosswalks**, including a pedestrian island at the Felton Deck crosswalk
 - **Bike boxes** for safer turns at the Graham Hill Intersection
 - **Sidewalks** connecting to Graham Hill/Covered Bridge Rd northbound transit stop, and into Henry Cowell State Park
 - **Safety and accessibility enhancements to transit stops** at SLV High School and El Solyo Heights
 - **New Right Turn Only exit** out of High School parking lot



05-1K555 Boulder Creek Complete Streets (RTC)



- [Project](#) is currently in the Environmental Impact and **Initial Design Phase**
- Funding for final design and construction **not yet secured**
- Improvements would include:
 - **Expanding sidewalk network** to Mountain Street, and up Highway 236 to Laurel St
 - **Enhanced crosswalks**
 - Analysis for **new stop sign and crosswalk** at Bear Creek Road
 - Other enhancements to reduce speeding and **protect pedestrians**



Thank you!

- Sign up for SCCRTC eNews to receive updates and information on upcoming opportunities for community input
 - sccrtc.org/about/esubscriptions/
 - Select "Highway 9 SLV"
 - For Highways 236 and 35 also, select "Vision Zero" to receive RHSP implementation updates

