



Top 10 Crash Location in Monterey County

State Route 156 Safety Improvements

State Route 156/Castroville Boulevard Interchange

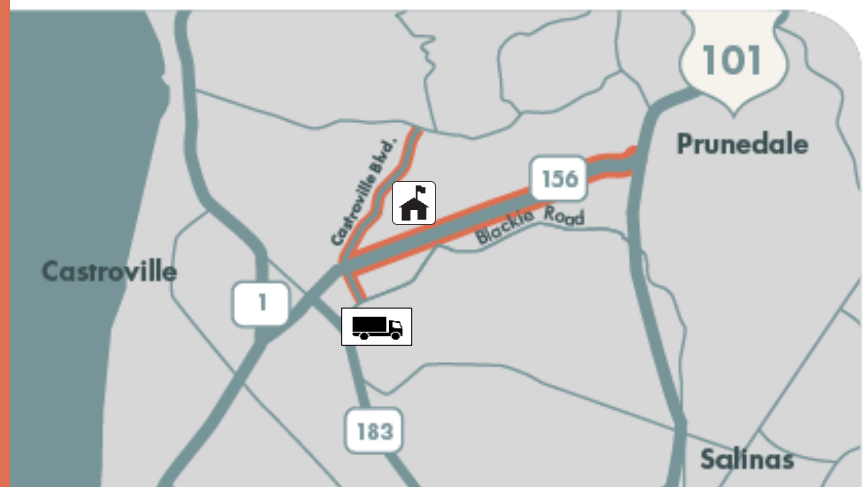
Build a new interchange at Castroville Boulevard and Highway 156, with connections to Blackie Road to improve access for truck traffic.

Project Purpose

Highway 156 provides the primary connection between the San Francisco Bay area and the Monterey Peninsula. The intersection of Castroville Boulevard and 156 is a top collision location in Monterey County, controlled only by a stoplight. As a result, there are substantial delays and safety concerns, particularly during special event weekends. This project will improve safety and relieve traffic congestion on Highway 156, by replacing this traffic signal with a full interchange. The new interchange will also create safer access for students and teachers traveling to North Monterey County High School. Located near the county's major regional distribution center, the Blackie Road connection will divert hundreds of trucks per day to the new interchange, away from the town center and the accident-ridden Highway 183/156 intersection.

Project Benefits:

- Improves safety at two collision hot spots
- Provides traffic relief for 32,000 vehicles per weekday
- Creates safer access to North Monterey County High School
- Supports \$2 billion per year visitor-serving economy
- Facilitates goods movement between major distribution center and US 101



Project Cost: \$55.2 Million • Measure X Share: \$30 Million