

Route 101/154 (South) Interchange

Completed: August 1997

This project included the replacement of the existing Route 154 separation structure, widening of Calle Real to four lanes, constructing a new southbound on ramp and auxiliary lane to Route 101 and the installation of signals at four intersections. This project is located within both the City of Santa Barbara and the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.

PHOTO 1: An uphill passing lane for westbound traffic was constructed providing the only passing opportunity in this direction up to the San Marcos summit. Three MSE retaining walls were constructed to accommodate this passing lane, with two of these walls extending greater than 600 feet. The walls were textured and stained to blend in within the natural environment.



PHOTO 2: The intersection of Route 154, with San Marcos Road and Painted Cave Road was reconstructed to add left-turn lanes in both the eastbound and westbound directions. A substantial excavation operation, requiring removal of large boulders was undertaken. The slopes were constructed per the design to retain the natural look of the rock face.



PHOTO 3: At San Antonio Creek Road, a new left-turn lane was constructed for westbound traffic. In order to accommodate this lane and the transition, the roadway was widened on the eastbound side. Excavation of a small hillside was required.

