

# Route 101/Milpas Street Interchange

Completed: April 2000

**This project included the construction of improvements at the intersection of Route 101 and Milpas Street in the City of Santa Barbara. A modern roundabout was constructed, Milpas Street was widened, signals were installed at Quinientos Street, as well as other local street improvements.**

**PHOTO 1:** This project proved has successful in constructing the first modern roundabout on the State highway system. The roundabout replaced a five-point the intersection of local streets and freeway ramps that is the most heavily traveled in the City of Santa Barbara. Levels of service have improved significantly as a result of this project.



**PHOTO 2:** As part of the roundabout plan, splitter islands were constructed. The islands facilitate the flow of traffic to and from the roundabout and the local streets and ramps. A center island within the roundabout was also constructed. All the islands were landscaped with the center island being also containing art work. The transition into and out of the roundabout was striped for bicyclists and new sidewalks and crosswalks were constructed for pedestrian usage.



**PHOTO 3:** The Milpas Street exit represents the northbound gateway into Santa Barbara, providing both access downtown and to the local beaches. The northbound off ramp from Route 101 was designed to divert traffic into the roundabout, as well as providing a right turn to Carpinteria Street and local shopping. A retaining wall between the ramp and Route 101 was constructed to provide the necessary width.

