

Route 166 Operational Improvements

Completed: April 1995

This project included the improvement of a segment of Route 166 between the cities of Santa Maria and Guadalupe. In this area, Route 166 is an undivided two-lane, conventional highway. Improvements included the construction of left turn lanes at five intersections and shoulder widening throughout the project limits. Below is a list of some of the improvements.

PHOTO 1: The western limit of this project included improvements to the intersection of Route 166 and Route 1. The entire intersection was rehabilitated, a new right turn lane for northbound traffic to Guadalupe was constructed, standard shoulders were constructed and the railroad grade crossing to the east of the intersection was improved. The improvements to the grade crossing consisted of track improvements, and new crossing arms to accommodate the increased width on Route 166.



PHOTO 2: The intersection of Route 166 and Obispo Street (approximately 0.2 miles east of Route 1), was improved by adding a left lane for traffic turning north into Guadalupe. A sidewalk was constructed on the north side of Route 166 to accommodate pedestrian traffic. A majority of the pedestrian traffic consists of children traveling to and from school.



PHOTO 3: A left turn lane was constructed at Flower Street for eastbound traffic on Route 166. Again this intersection serves as an eastern access point into Guadalupe. Also, in this location, a drainage crossover was constructed in this area to shift the flow agricultural runoff from the northside of the project to the south.

