

HIGHWAY 68 COMMUTER IMPROVEMENTS

DESCRIPTION



Make safety and operational improvements on Highway 68 between Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, such as auxiliary lanes and intersection improvements to remove choke points. Evaluation of potential future capacity improvements is also eligible for funding.

PROJECT PURPOSE

Highway 68 is the main connector between Monterey County's two principal urbanized areas, Salinas and the Monterey Peninsula, serving commuters and the residents, schools and business parks along the corridor. Traffic congestion along Highway 68 is currently at gridlock during the morning and afternoon commute periods. This project will provide relief to commuters in the Highway 68 corridor, in a manner that is cost-effective and environmentally sensitive.

PROJECT BENEFITS

- Improves safety
- Reduces congestion and delays on Highway 68
- Supports regional travel between Monterey Peninsula and Salinas
- Improves access for local residents

COST

The cost of the Highway 68 commuter improvements is estimated at \$40 million.

