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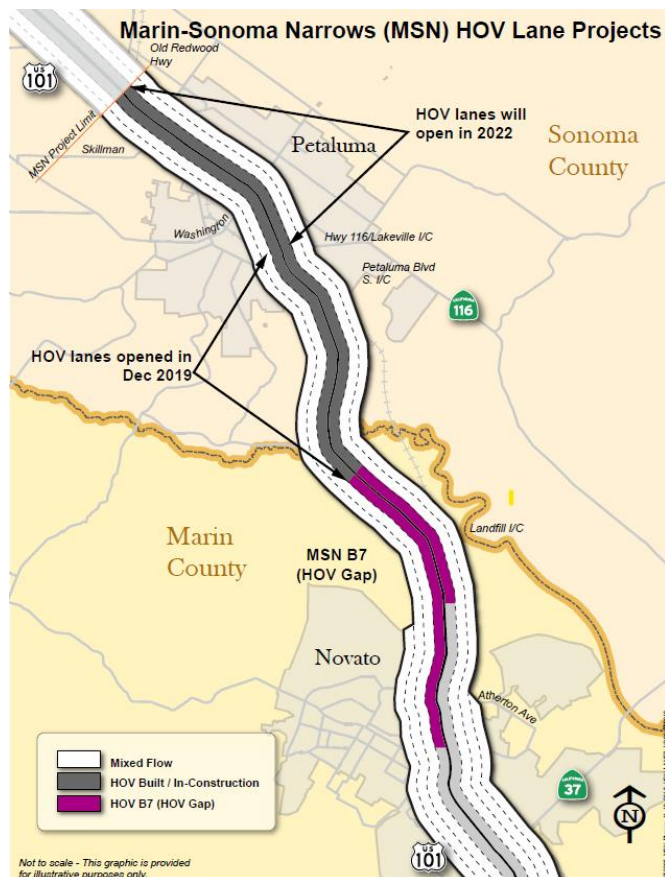
## **CALTRANS BREAKS GROUND ON NEW CARPOOL LANES IN MARIN-SONOMA NARROWS**

*SB 1 Provides Nearly One-Third of the Funding*

**MARIN COUNTY** – Caltrans and the Transportation Authority of Marin (TAM) broke ground today on the final segment of new carpool lanes on US Highway 101 at the Marin-Sonoma County line. The \$135 million project includes \$44 million in funding from Senate Bill (SB) 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017, \$77 million in federal funding, and \$13 million in local funds.

“This important project is part of a larger multi-modal approach to relieve congestion in the US 101 north corridor, which includes a parallel bicycle/pedestrian pathway that connects Novato and Petaluma with the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit service,” said Caltrans District 4 Director Dina El-Tawansy. “We are pleased with the work and strong partnerships that have been created and we look forward to the benefits this project will bring once completed.”

This final phase of the project is part of the larger Marin-Sonoma Narrows effort to construct 17 miles of carpool lanes in each direction through Marin and Sonoma Counties, completing a total 50 miles of continuous carpool lanes in each direction, between Windsor and Richardson Bay. The project included roadway and bridge widening and modifications to the Redwood Landfill Interchange.



In addition to the new carpool lanes, other improvements include bringing the shoulders as well as the roadway's horizontal and vertical alignments up to current standards.

"We are extremely pleased to reach this milestone and begin construction on this last section of carpool lanes in Marin County," said TAM Executive Director Anne Richman. "This is an important project for regional transportation and our commuters, supporting transit, carpools and improvements to the bicycle network along the corridor. After many years of progress on the Marin-Sonoma Narrows, it's great to see construction starting on the last piece of the puzzle!"

Caltrans' partners for this project include the Federal Highway Administration, California Transportation Commission, Transportation Authority of Marin, Sonoma County Transportation Authority, Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Marin and Sonoma counties, and the cities of Novato and Petaluma.

For more information about the US 101 Marin-Sonoma Narrows project, please visit TAM's website at [tam.ca.gov](http://tam.ca.gov), or visit the Caltrans District 4 website at [dot.ca.gov/dist4](http://dot.ca.gov/dist4).

SB 1 provides \$5 billion in transportation funding annually shared equally between the state and local agencies. Road projects progress through construction phases more quickly based on the availability of SB 1 funds, including projects that are partially funded by SB 1. For more information about other transportation projects funded by SB 1, visit [RebuildingCA.ca.gov](http://RebuildingCA.ca.gov).

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