



State Route (SR) 138 Segment 13 Safety Improvements

PLANNING & PROGRAMMING COMMITTEE [FILE 2024-0276]

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BACKGROUND & PURPOSE

SR-138 Project Corridor

- A Caltrans-led safety and operational corridor improvement project.
- Identified as a bypass corridor to help avoid congested Los Angeles freeways.
- Project corridor split into 13 segments for funding opportunities and implementation.

SR-138, Segment 13

- Final design and right-of-way phases were completed in March 2024.
- A reassessment of the construction capital cost estimate identified a significant increase (from \$45.5M to \$85.5M).
- Caltrans developed design options to stay within the existing programmed budget (\$45.5M).
- Based on the reduced scope and project limits, additional funding (\$2.5M) is needed to update the plans and permits for construction.
- Advancing the reduced scope does not preclude implementing the original scope should additional funding become available.

NEED FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

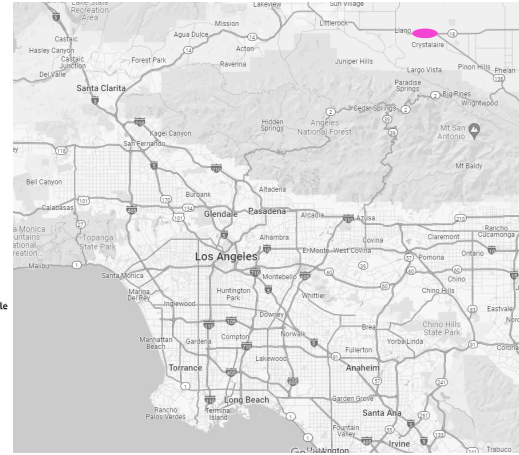
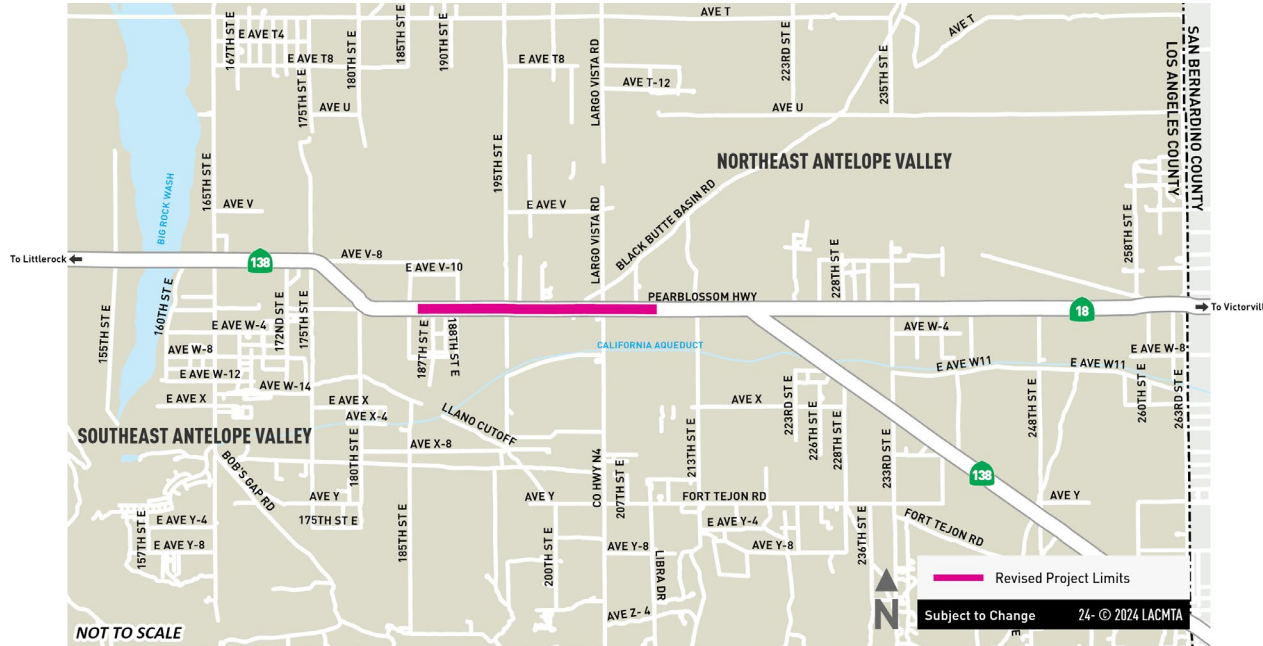
SR-138 Corridor

- Two-lane undivided highway without a center median.
- Experiences safety challenges due to speeding, improper passing, and improper turning that result in head-on collisions, sideswipes, and broadside collisions.
- Referred to as “Blood Alley” due to the excessive number of collisions causing fatalities and injuries that are double the statewide average.

Caltrans Traffic Accident Surveillance and Analysis System (TASAS) Data July 2020 through June 2023

Total number of collisions	55
Total number of fatalities	3
Total number of injuries	29
Total number of fatalities + injuries	32
Multi-vehicle collisions	40

SR-138 SEGMENT 13



- **Project Location:** Unincorporated Los Angeles County
- **Revised Project Limits:** 0.4 miles west of 190th Street East to 0.4 miles west of 213th Street East

Original Segment 13 Project Limits: 0.4 miles west of 187th Street East to 0.7 miles south of 138/18 junction, and on SR-18, from 138/18 Junction to 1.1 miles east of the junction.



STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

CONSIDER:

- A. Programming \$2,500,000 in Proposition C 25% or Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) for SR-138, Segment 13; and
- B. Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) or their designee to negotiate and execute all necessary agreements for the SR-138 Board-approved projects.

Caltrans will seek approval at the June 2024 CTC meeting for an 18-month time extension to avoid lapsing of programmed funds for SR-138 Segment 13.

NEXT STEPS

