



# 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

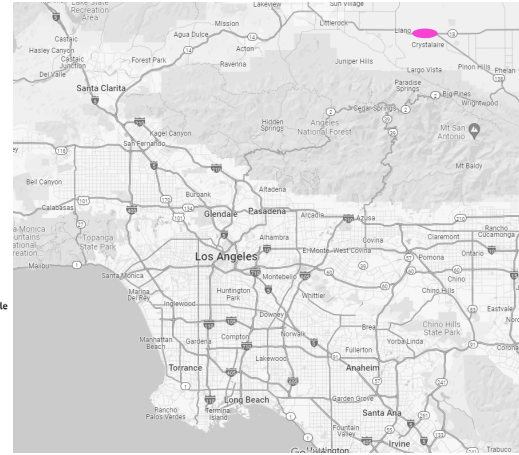
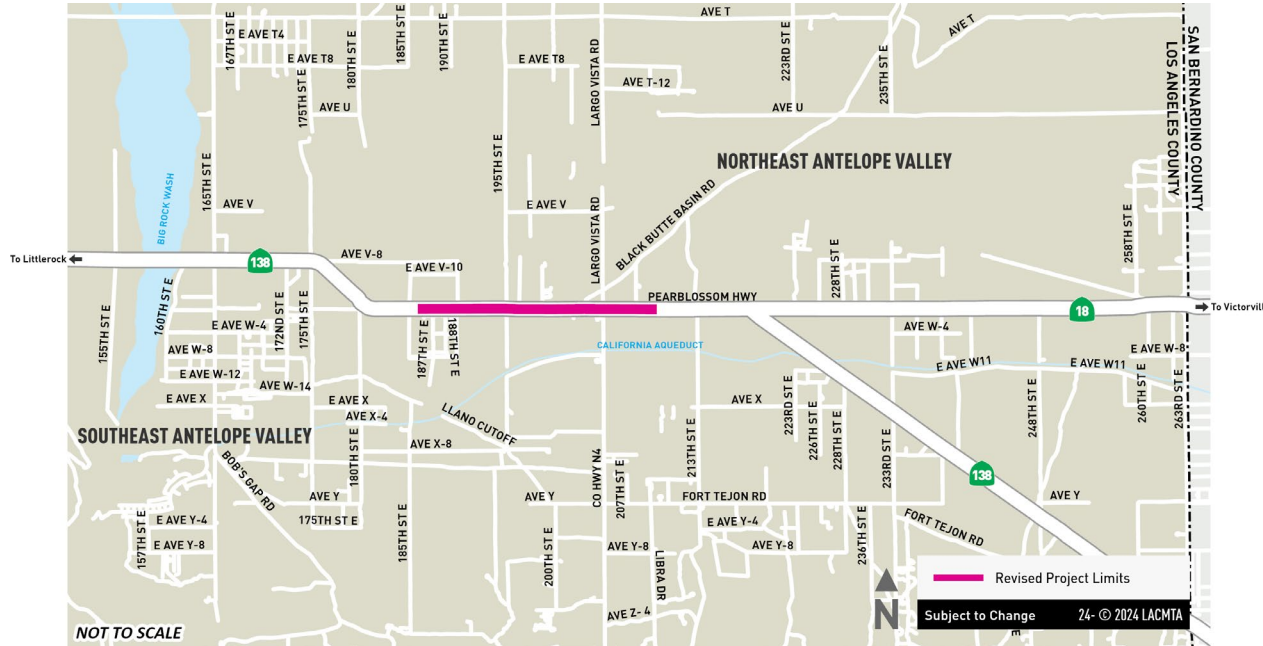
- Two-lane undivided highway without a center median.
- Experiences safety challenges due to speeding, improper passing, and improper turning that result in head-on collisions, sideswipes, and broadside collisions.
- Referred to as “Blood Alley” due to the excessive number of collisions causing fatalities 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 190<sup>th</sup> Street East to 0.4 miles west of 213<sup>th</sup> Street East

Original Segment 13 Project Limits: 0.4 miles west of 187<sup>th</sup> 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

