

**NORTH COUNTY CORRIDOR  
TRANSPORTATION EXPRESSWAY AUTHORITY  
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ITEM: 4a**

**SUBJECT:**

Project Updates

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Discussion Only

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Not determined.

**DISCUSSION:**

On August 18, 2010, the North County Corridor JPA Board approved a contract amendment with Jacobs Engineering for the next phase of the project.

A set of Public Outreach "Scoping" meetings have been set for:

Wednesday, September 8, 2010  
Oakdale Community Center  
110 South Second Avenue  
Oakdale, California  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, September 13, 2010  
Salida Regional Library  
4835 Sisk Road  
Salida, California  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Advertisements to these meetings have been placed in area newspapers and over 5,000 postcard mailers have been sent to area residents and property owners.

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A series of information boards and maps will be staffed by project team members to answer questions. A copy of the draft boards that will be presented is attached. A project fact sheet is also attached that will be posted on the Caltrans website.

This will be the first of several opportunities for the public to provide input the Caltrans and JPA staff. Other public workshops will be scheduled to update the status of the project leading up to the release of the draft environmental document were the public will again be able view the detailed analysis and provide comment.

The project team has begun traffic data collection and the development of the traffic model that will be used to predict future traffic growth. Preliminary alignments for the environmental study area have been developed and are attached. General background environmental studies for the area have begun.

# Welcome

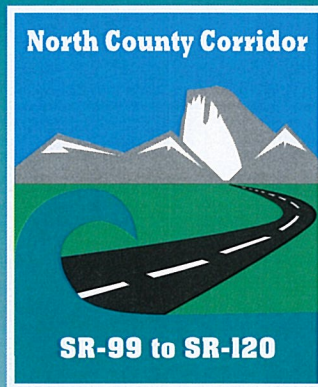
## North County Corridor



SR-99 to SR-120

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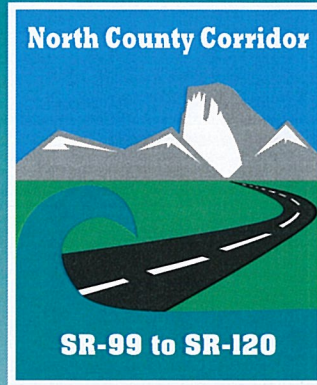
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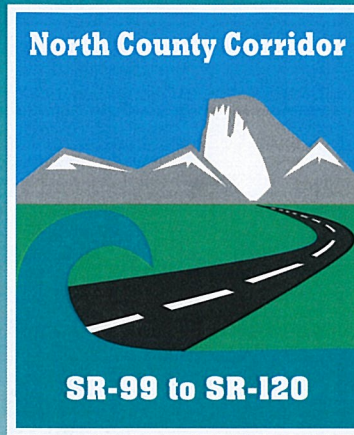
## Project Description

### The North County Corridor will:

- Ultimately be a freeway/expressway with interchanges, at-grade intersections, grade-separated railroad crossings, irrigation district crossings, frontage roads, and street realignments
- Extend approximately 25 miles from a location on State Route 99 in the vicinity of Kiernan Avenue/Salida community to a location on State Route 120 approximately six miles east of the City of Oakdale

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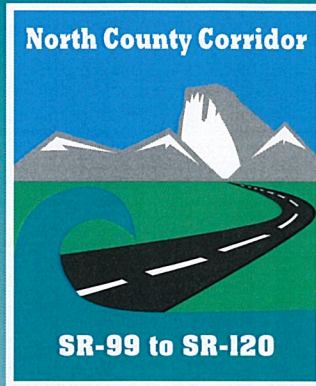
## Environmental Studies

Caltrans is proceeding with environmental studies that include the following:

- Architectural History
- Archaeological Resources Evaluation
- Biological Studies
- Floodplain Study
- Hazardous Waste Investigation
- Noise Impact Study
- Visual Impact Assessment
- Water Quality Study
- Relocation Impact Study
- Farmland Analysis
- Community Impact Assessment
- Air Quality and Energy
- Traffic Operations and Safety
- Paleontology Study

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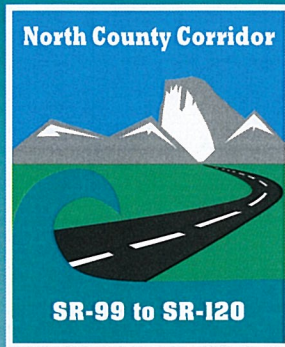
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## Comment Station

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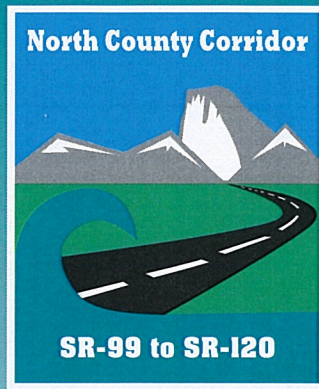
### How to Stay Involved

- Sign up for the mailing list.
- Attend North County Corridor Technical Advisory Committee (NCCTAC) and North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority (NCCTEA) board meetings and workshops.
- You will be invited to public meetings and hearings.
- Visit the project Web site: [www.dot.ca.gov/dist10](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10)
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- Call Gail Miller, Senior Environmental Planner, at (559) 243-8274.
- Write to Gail Miller, Caltrans, 2015 E. Shields, Suite 100, Fresno, CA 93726-5248.

Additional opportunity for public input will be available throughout the environmental review and in the next stages of the North County Corridor Project.







## Agency Involvement

### Lead Agency for California Environmental Quality Act/National Environmental Policy Act

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James Hammer, P.E., P.M.P, Project Manager  
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(209) 948-3748

### Sponsoring Agency

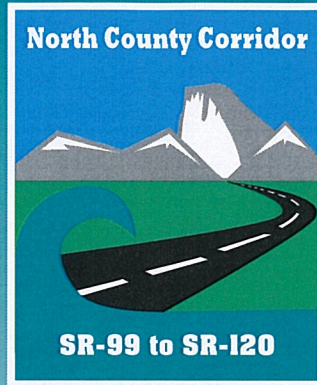
North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority  
Matt Machado, P.E., Authority Manager  
1716 Morgan Road  
Modesto, CA 95358

### Responsible Agencies

City of Modesto  
City of Oakdale  
City of Riverbank  
County of Stanislaus  
Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)

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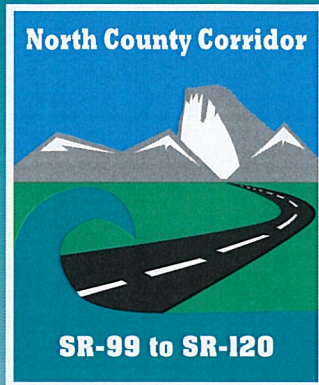
# North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority

## Technical Advisory Committee

- Laurie Barton, Deputy Director of Engineering and Operations, Stanislaus County Public Works Department
- Carlos Yamzon, Chief, Travel Forecasting and Metro Planning, Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG)
- Brent Sinclair, Director of Community and Economic Development, City of Modesto
- Dave Myers, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director, City of Oakdale
- J. D. Hightower, Community Development Director, City of Riverbank

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## North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority

### Board of Directors

- James Ridenour, Mayor, City of Modesto
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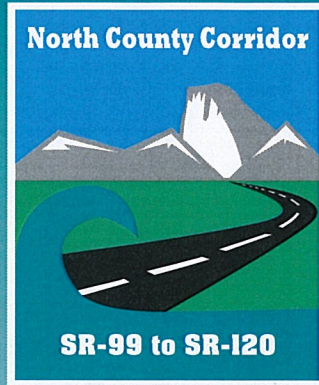
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## Potential Funding

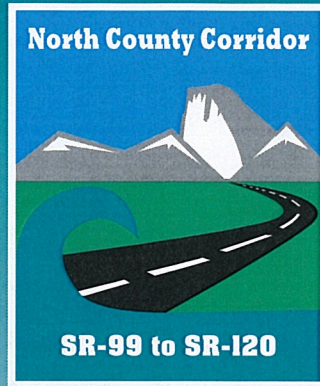
### Contributing Sources:

- State Transportation Improvement Program
- Local Development Impact Fees
- Oakdale Bypass Project Funds
- Other

Funding for this phase of the project is being provided by the State Transportation Improvement Program along with local development impact fees. The North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority is now seeking State funding that was once part of the Oakdale Bypass Project.

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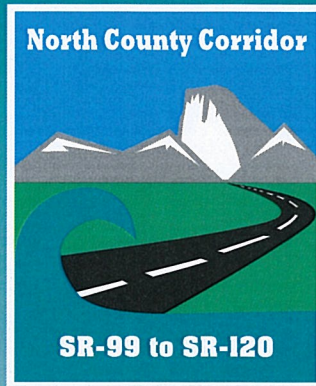


## Next Steps

- Public Scoping Meeting ← **We are here.**
  - Gather public input tonight
- Project Development Team considers public input and screens alternatives for further study
- Begin environmental studies and prepare draft environmental document
- Public participation
- Public Information Meeting
- Prepare Draft Environmental Document
- Public Hearing
- Alternative Selection and Final Environmental Document

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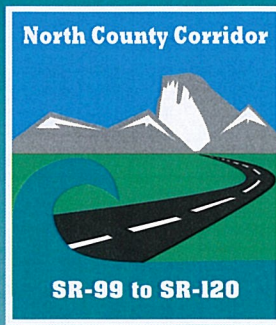
## Caltrans Right-of-Way

We are here to discuss the process related to:

- Permits to Enter
- Appraisal
- Acquisitions
- Relocation Assistance
- Property Management
- Utility Relocation
- Excess Land Sales
- Clearance and Demolition

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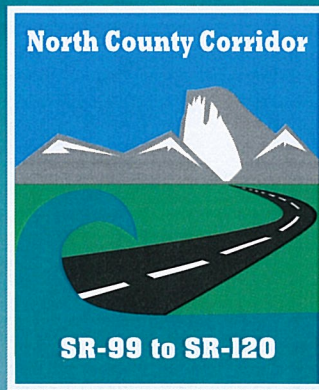




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## Environmental Process





## Possible Alternatives Screening Criteria

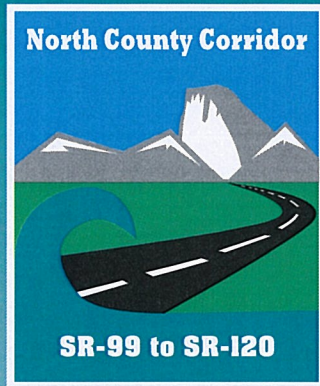
The following list includes the possible criteria that will be used by the Project Development Team to identify the range of feasible alternatives to be studied in the Draft Environmental Document.

- Ability to meet the project's purpose and need
- Environmental effects
  - Natural environment
  - Physical environment
  - Human environment
- Financial feasibility
- Design feasibility
- Public acceptability
- Operational performance

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# Dictate your comments here

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review.

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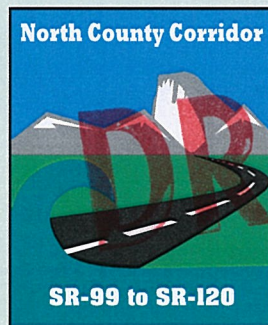
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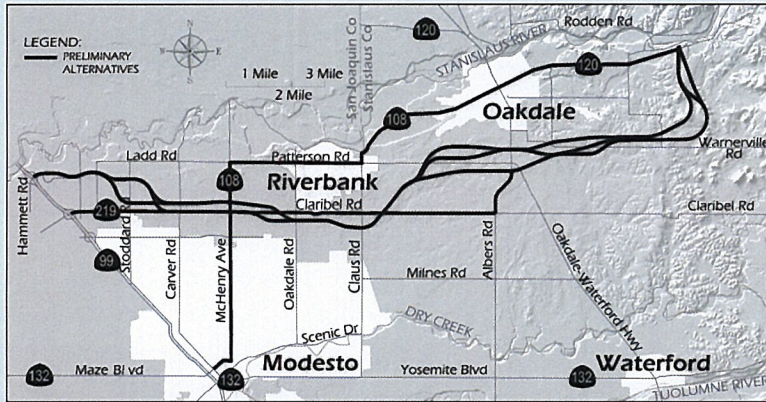
## What's Next?

After consideration of the public comments in the scoping phase, the Project Development Team will screen alternatives for further study; and Caltrans will proceed with required environmental studies and the draft environmental document. The environmental study process allows project staff members to identify potential impacts and to determine ways to avoid or minimize them.

## Future Public Involvement Opportunities

- Stakeholder meetings
- Ongoing agency coordination
- CEQA and NEPA comment periods through September 30, 2010
- Open houses, workshops and other public meetings (2010-2012)
- Public hearings on Draft Environmental Impact Report (Fall 2012)
- Project updates as the study progresses
- Project Web site at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist10](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist10)

## Project Map



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*Thank you for attending.*

## North County Corridor SR-99 to SR-120

### *Welcome to the Public Scoping Meeting*

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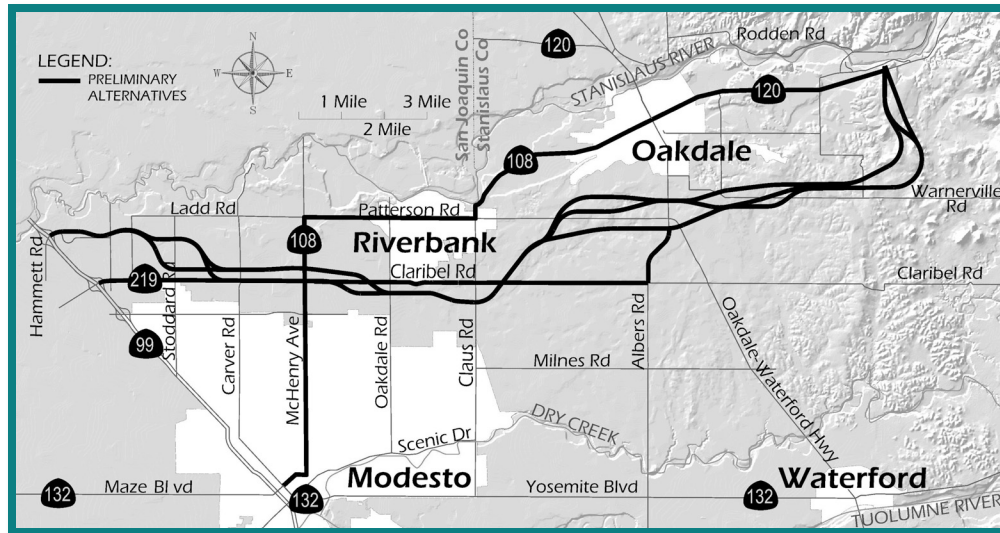
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## North County Corridor Project Fact Sheet

The North County Corridor Project (SR-99 to SR-120) is a high-priority project for Stanislaus County, its communities and the growing urbanized cities of Modesto, Oakdale, and Riverbank. The purpose of the project is to ultimately build a west-east roadway that would improve regional network circulation, relieve existing traffic congestion, reduce traffic delay, accommodate future traffic, benefit commerce and enhance safety.

The purpose of this project phase is to identify a roadway alignment for a west-east facility from SR-99 north of the City of Modesto to SR-120 approximately six miles east of the City of Oakdale. This new roadway would be approximately 24 miles in length from a location on State Route 99 in the vicinity of Kiernan Avenue/Salida community to a location on State Route 120 approximately six miles east of the City of Oakdale. The project may be an entirely new roadway or incorporated into the existing roadway network and would serve as a bypass for the cities of Riverbank, Oakdale and Modesto. The first roadway segment from SR-99 to McHenry Avenue near SR-219 is approximately six miles in length and will be studied as a local facility and also as a state freeway/ expressway. The remaining 18-mile roadway segment would then use the state-adopted corridor from near McHenry/SR-120 approximately six miles east of the City of Oakdale. The North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority anticipates that the ultimate facility would be planned as a multi-lane, access-controlled expressway/freeway, with interchanges, at-grade intersections, grade-separated railroad crossings, irrigation district crossings, frontage roads, and local street alignments.

Existing SR-108 functions as a “main street” passing through the congested downtown areas of Modesto, Oakdale, and Riverbank, in which the current transportation facility does not provide for efficient, reliable and continuous interregional travel. The trucks, recreational vehicles, and commuter traffic using SR-108 during peak travel times add to the congestion in these urban areas; and a significant increase in local and interregional traffic demand is expected in the coming years.

To plan for the freeway/expressway, the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority was formed. The Authority consists of the cities of Modesto, Oakdale, and Riverbank; the County of Stanislaus; and ex-officio members Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) and the California Department of Transportation.

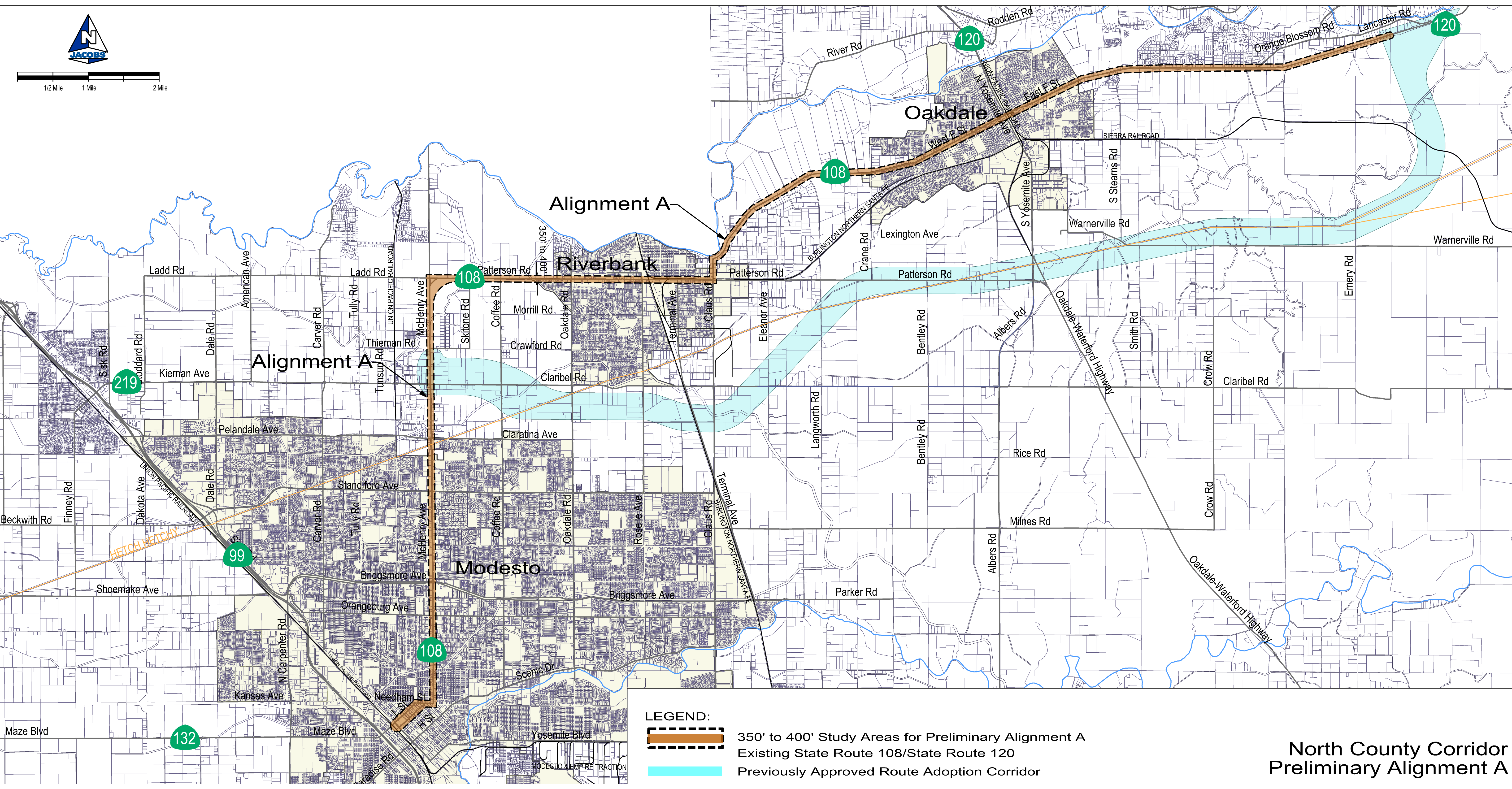
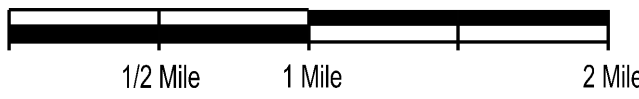
The North County Corridor (NCC) SR-108 East Route Adoption was approved by the California Transportation Commission in May 2010. The adopted corridor provides for approximately 18 miles of freeway/expressway on new alignment from near SR-219 north of the City of Modesto and west of the City of Riverbank to SR-120 approximately six miles east of the City of Oakdale.

Various roadway alignment alternatives will be considered along with the “No Action” alternative during this project study. The proposed roadway would be built in existing unincorporated Stanislaus County and the “No Action” alternative would leave SR-108 in its existing condition.




Public Scoping Meetings are planned for September 8, 2010, and September 13, 2010, and will be the first of many opportunities for members of the public to be involved and provide comments or concerns.

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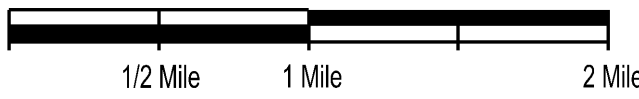
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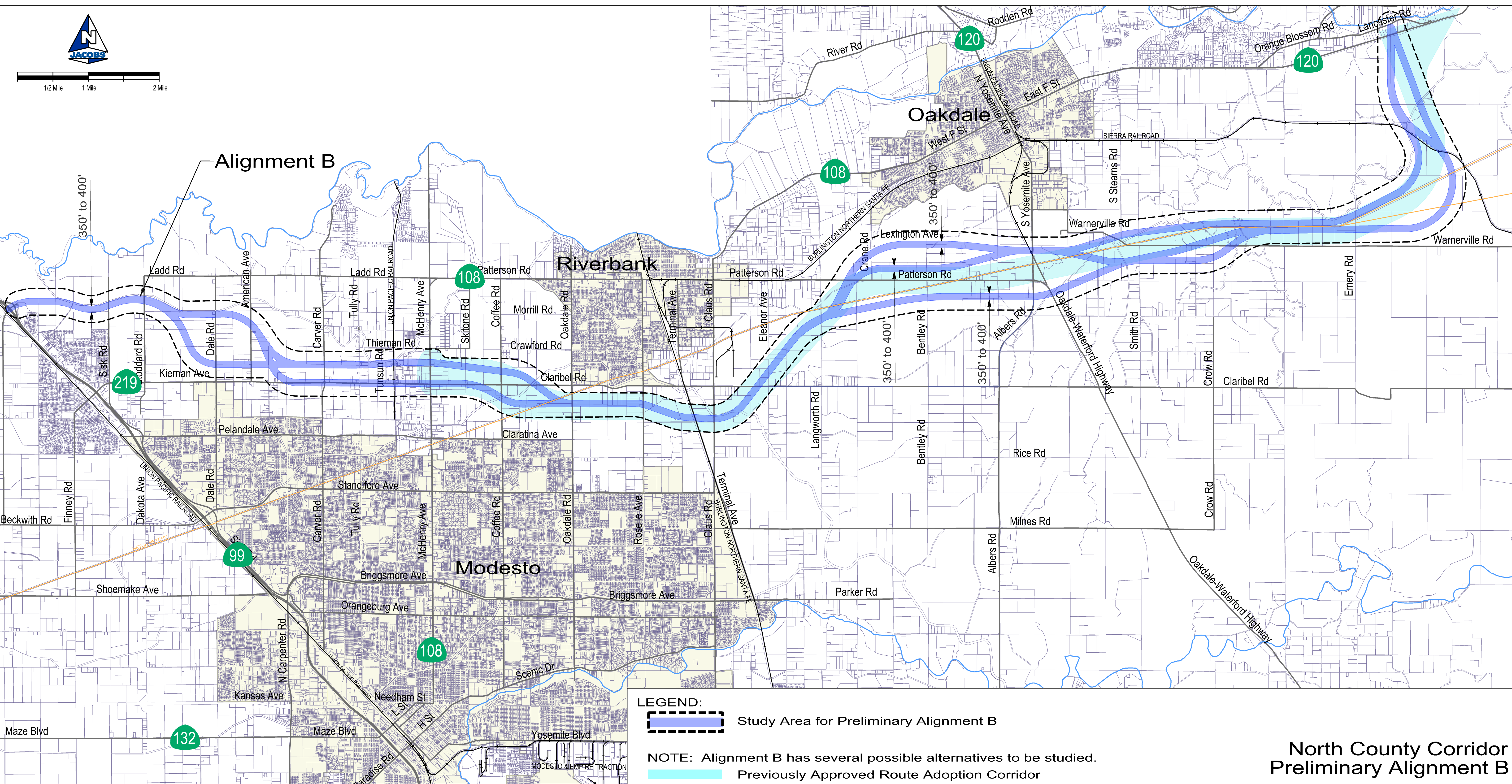
**LEGEND:**

-  350' to 400' Study Areas for Preliminary Alignment A
-  Existing State Route 108/State Route 120
-  Previously Approved Route Adoption Corridor

**North County Corridor  
Preliminary Alignment A**



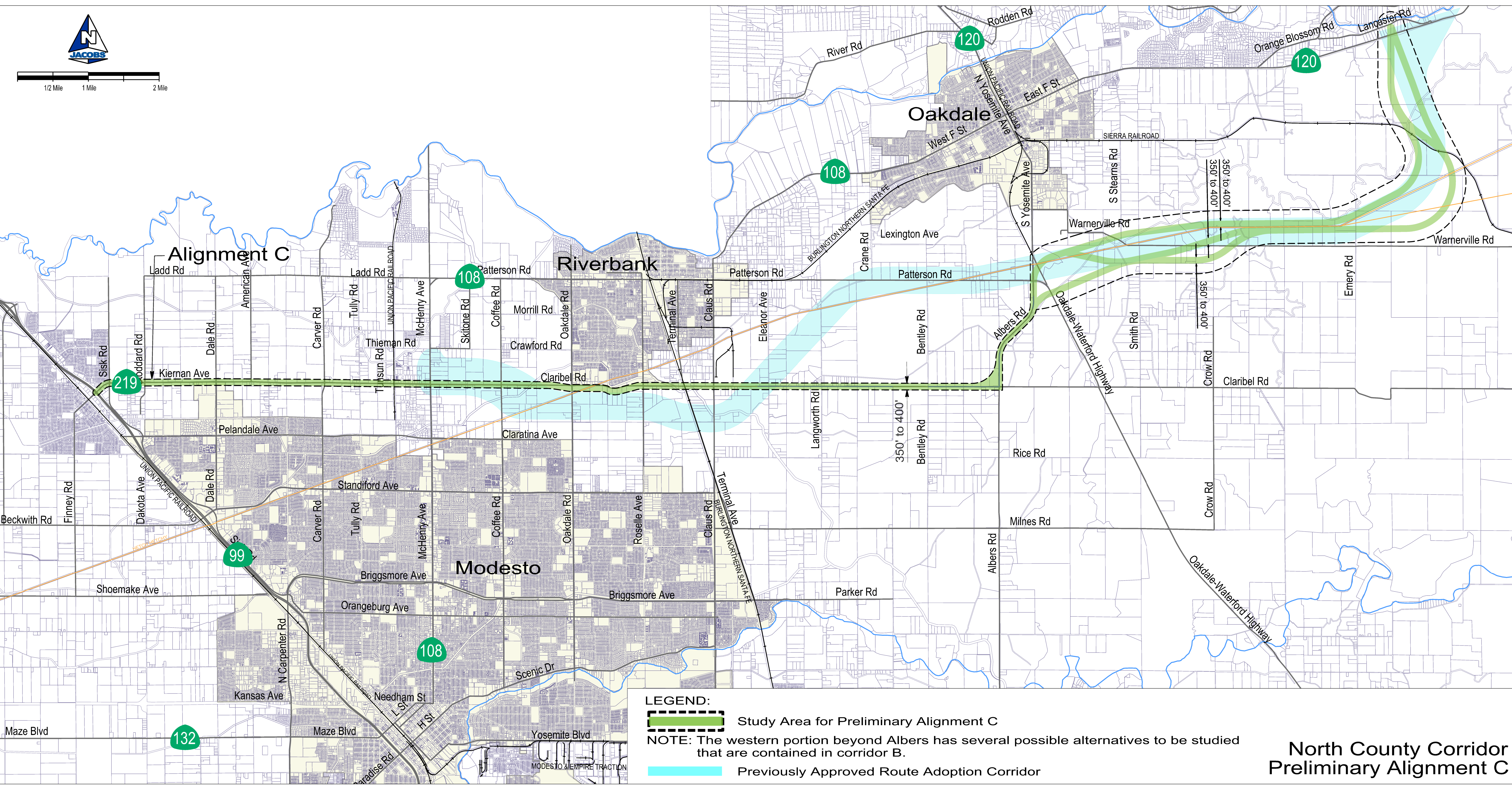
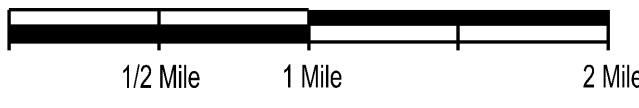
### Alignment B



**LEGEND:**  
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**NOTE:** Alignment B has several possible alternatives to be studied.  
[Light Blue Box] Previously Approved Route Adoption Corridor

## North County Corridor Preliminary Alignment B



**LEGEND:**

 Study Area for Preliminary Alignment C

**NOTE:** The western portion beyond Albers has several possible alternatives to be studied that are contained in corridor B.

 Previously Approved Route Adoption Corridor

**North County Corridor  
Preliminary Alignment C**