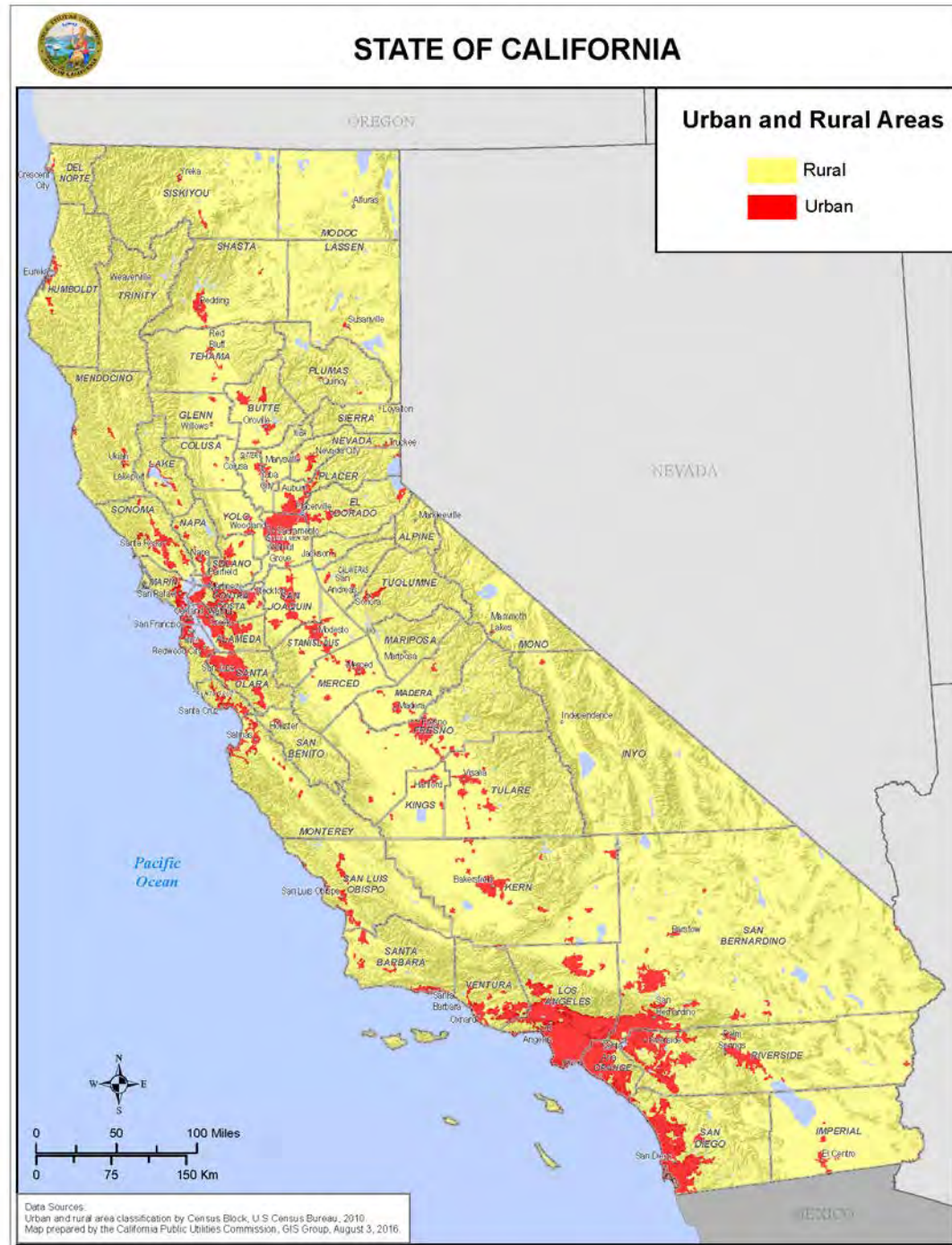




California's Rural Freight Movement: Challenges & Opportunities

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California's Rural Areas



California's Rural Freight Movement

- 5 million population
- \$27 billion agricultural production
- \$28 billion tourism industry
- 16 million acres of U.S. Forest Service land
- \$420 million timber production





Rural Highway Miles in California

- 10,259 SHS Centerline Miles
- 1,186 Rural Interstate Miles
- 369 Rural Freeway/Expressway Miles

Rural Freight Challenges

- Road Condition
- Safety
- Weather
- Funding



Rural Freight Challenges

Road Condition

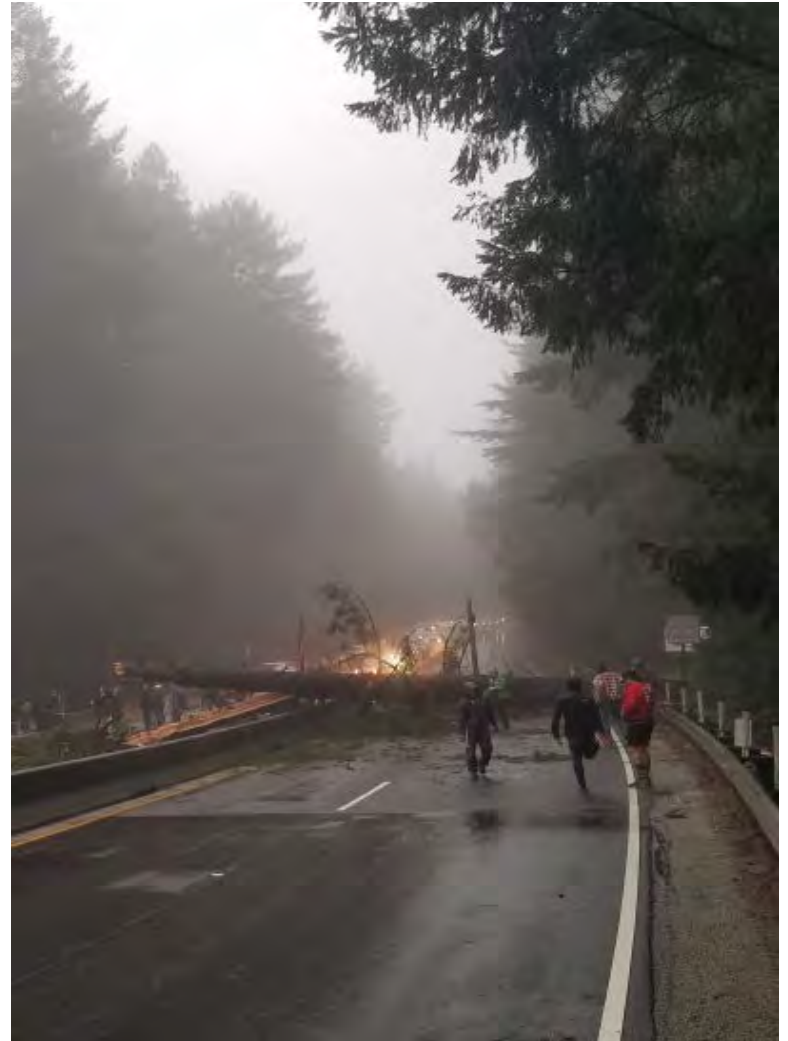
- 32% of rural roads rated in poor condition
- 9% of rural bridges rated poor
- Not built to current standards
- Lack adequate capacity



Rural Freight Challenges

Weather

- Snow and severe weather
- Increasingly severe weather events



Rural Freight Challenges

Funding

- Limited funding for capacity improvements
- Limited ability to raise sufficient local funds
- Limited resources to compete for federal & state funds

Rural Freight Opportunities

Funding

- Senate Bill 1 funding
- Local taxes dedicated to transportation

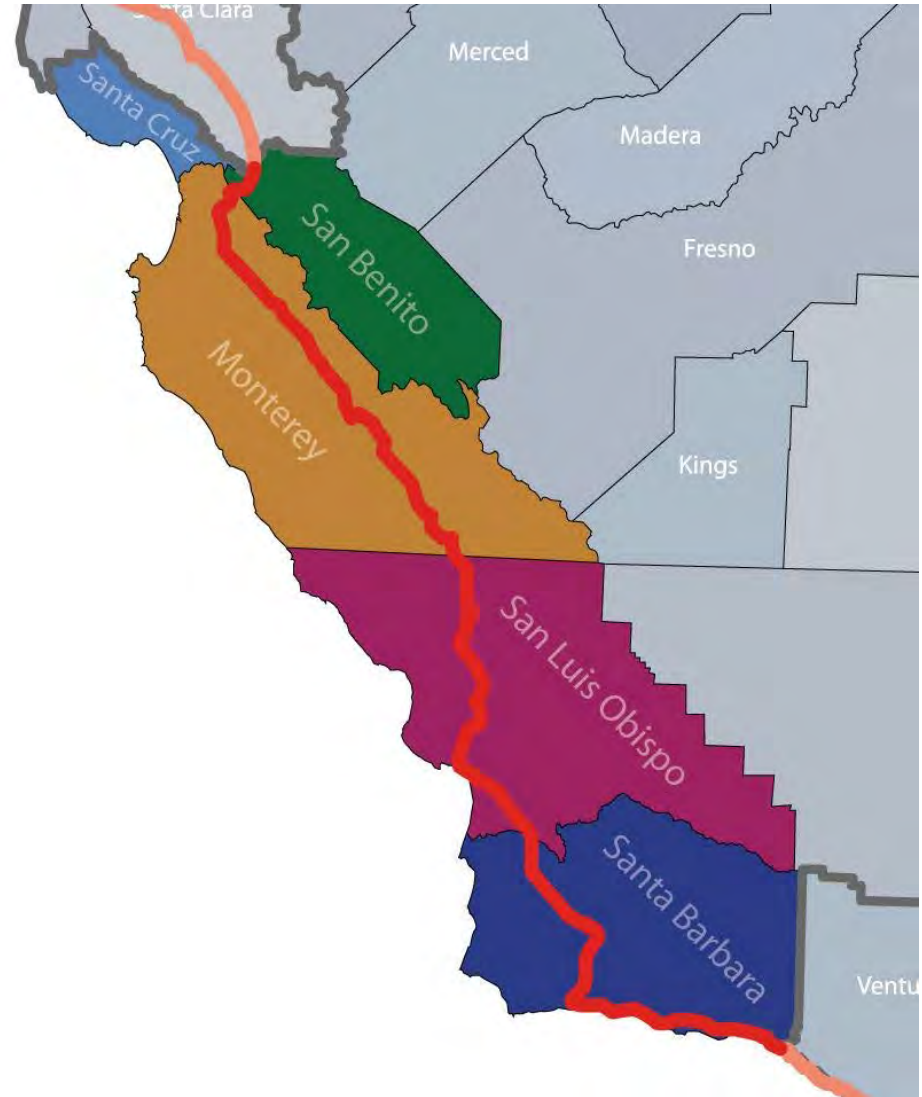


Collaboration

- Rural Counties Task Force

California's Rural Central Coast

- Santa Cruz
- San Benito
- Monterey
- San Luis Obispo
- Santa Barbara



California's Rural Central Coast

Major Freight Routes

- US 101
- CA 152, 156
- CA 41, 46
- CA 166



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