



Last Chance Grade Project

Progress Update Summer 2020

The Last Chance Grade (LCG) Project is a collaborative, multi-year effort to find a permanent solution to geologic instability and roadway failure on a 3-mile segment of US Highway 101 in Del Norte County, extending from Wilson Creek to 9 miles south of Crescent City.

Caltrans is committed to ensuring the safety and reliability of the highway—now and for the future. Work continues to repair and enhance the current roadway, while simultaneously, the Environmental Study phase of the project has begun.

Our consultant team will collect data over several seasons and conduct detailed studies, and we will continue to get input from the community and stakeholders. This will allow us to select the best possible alternative—one that is technically feasible, responsive to the region's unique geotechnical conditions, and cost-effective while respecting our important natural and cultural resources. A complete, thorough, and inclusive process will help ensure the efficient implementation of the chosen alternative in the future.

For more information:
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Construction / Repair Activities

Ongoing construction continues to repair storm damage and ensure that Last Chance Grade stays safe and reliable for all travelers. Over the past several months, the road has been raised, creating a more gradual incline, and ground anchors have been added below the roadway for increased stabilization. The photographs above were taken in July 2020.

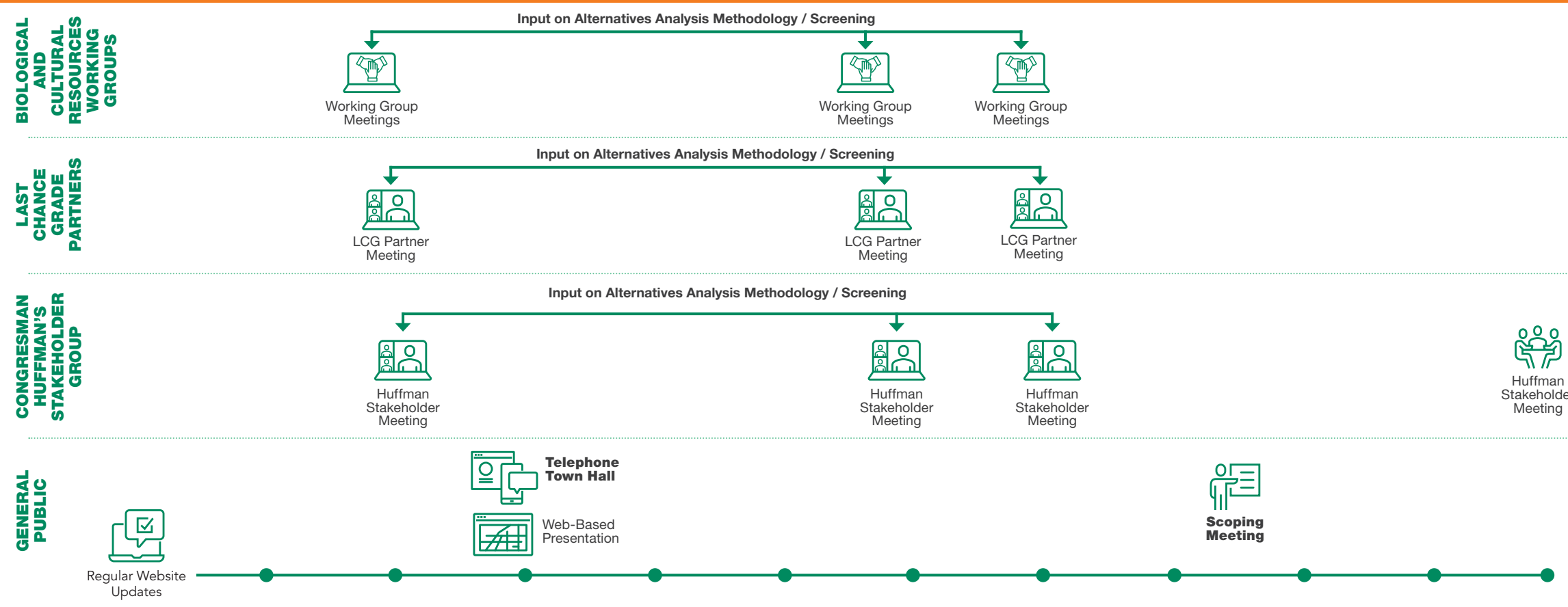
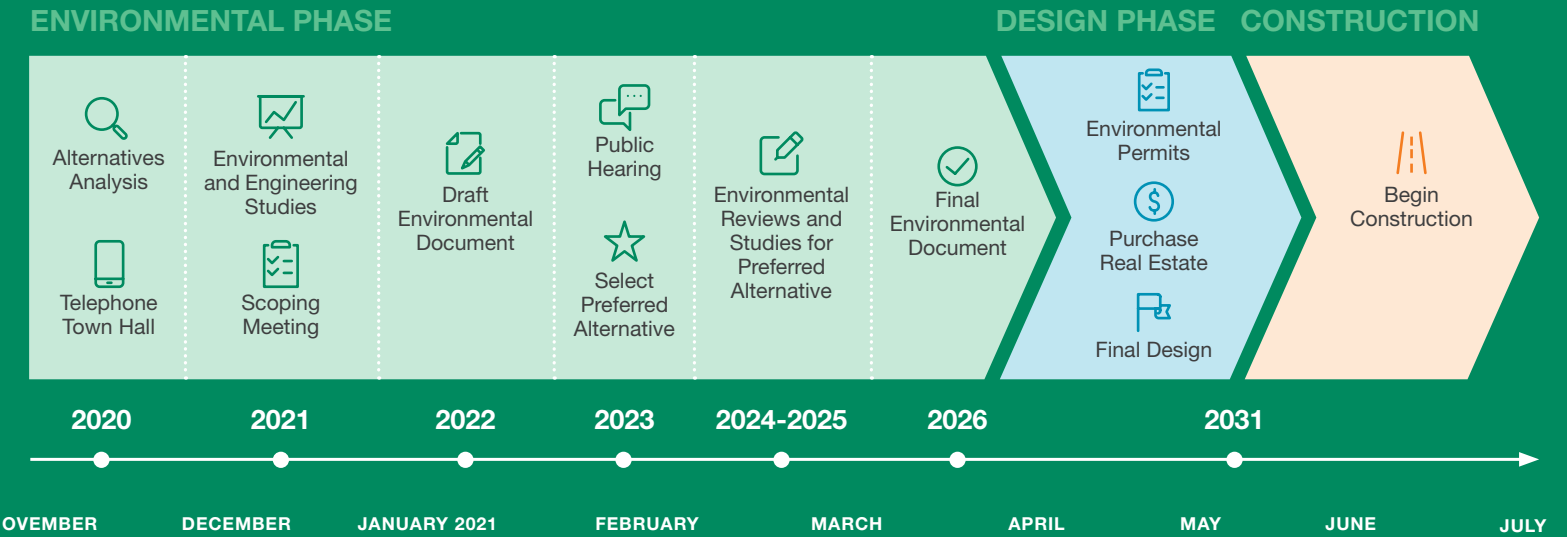
Continuing Geotechnical Studies

Work on the geotechnical studies is underway. These studies will provide critical information to help evaluate the different alternatives. Because LCG is in an area of geological instability, Caltrans needs to ensure that the new alignment will be stable over the long term. The consultant team will be in the field boring holes to install monitoring equipment and performing seismic tests to determine underlying geological stability. Since the testing occurs in sensitive areas, the permits require it be done during specific timeframes. The results will help validate and refine project alternatives and assess how well each would improve the reliability of the highway over the long-term.

Project Schedule and Public Engagement

The LCG Project is a collaborative effort, requiring close coordination among local, regional, and state partners. Caltrans is committed to keeping the public informed and providing opportunities for input. Area residents and members of the public will be able to participate in two upcoming activities: **A Telephone Town Hall in fall 2020 and a Scoping Meeting to be held early in 2021.**

Key Steps in the Environmental Process



Project Partners

A diverse group of stakeholders has been working consistently over the past several years to analyze the potential alternatives. These include:

Biological Resources Working Group
The members of this group have responsibilities for natural resource management and permitting.

Cultural Resources Working Group
The members of this group have responsibilities for cultural resources management and permitting.

Last Chance Grade Partners
The members of this group have land ownership and land management responsibilities.

Congressman Huffman's Stakeholder Group
Along with Caltrans, the group includes representatives from local government, tribal groups, businesses, agencies, and environmental groups.



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- » Sign up to get notifications from the website when new information is posted
- » Join the Telephone Town Hall for more updates and future activities
- » Look for notifications regarding the Public Scoping meeting in early 2021
- » View a map and complete information on alternatives being considered for further study

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