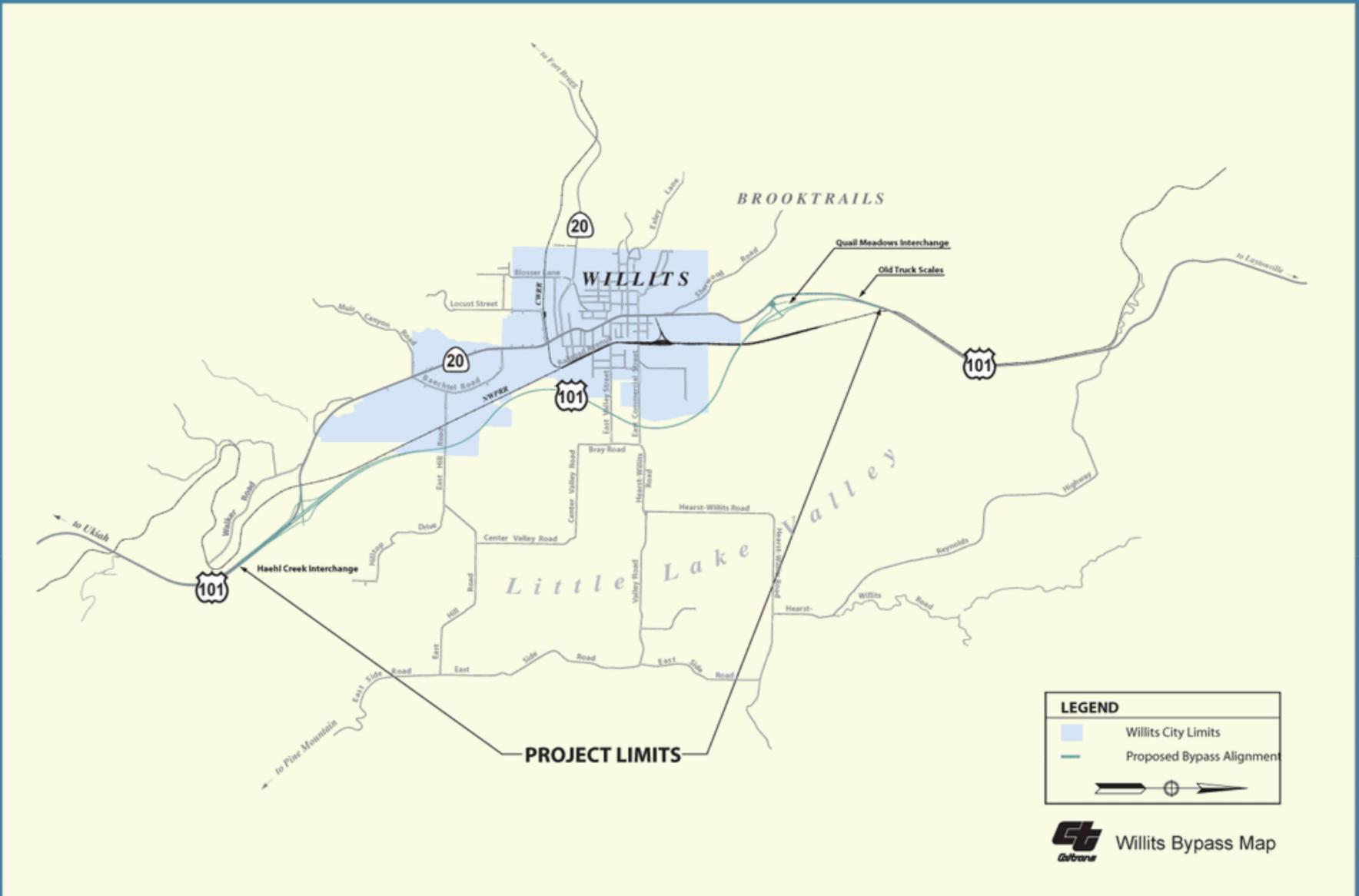


PROJECT DESCRIPTION



The bypass begins about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of Walker Road extending the existing freeway north of Ridgewood grade. An interchange near the north end of the existing freeway provides access to the south side of Willits. The bypass continues northerly, meandering along the east side of Willits. It crosses over the Northwestern Pacific Railroad (NWPRR) tracks near Quail Meadows, where a second interchange provides access to the north side of Willits. The bypass joins the existing highway near the old truck scales. The new proposed bypass would be about 5.5 miles long.

In addition to constructing the bypass, the project makes an area inside the current right of way on Oil Well Hill available as a source of earth for roadway embankment.

