



# Caltrans Update

## Fresno Council Of Governments

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### Quarterly Update on Fresno County Projects:

#### Special points of interest:

#### NEXT STAGE OF KINGS CANYON EXPRESSWAY EXTENSION BEGINS

Continuing a push to improve transportation in the Central Valley, Caltrans and the Fresno County Transportation Authority today broke ground on the next stage of a project that will add 2.7 much-needed miles to the Kings Canyon Expressway (State Route 180).

"We're building a faster, safer route for people commuting from eastern Fresno County, farmers hauling produce, and motorists visiting Kings Canyon and the Sequoia National Park," said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty.

The Kings Canyon Expressway Project (Segment Two) will upgrade a 2.7 mile section of SR-180 from a two-lane highway into a four-lane expressway from just east of Academy Avenue to Smith Avenue near Center-ville.

Caltrans completed the first segment of the project in 2009, widening six miles of SR-180 between Temperance Avenue and Academy Avenue. Segment Three will expand the route from Smith Avenue to just east of Frankwood Avenue. When the entire project is completed 12 miles of SR-180 will have been upgraded to a four-lane expressway.

The price tag for the second segment is \$41.6 million, including \$11.5 million from Proposition 1B, a 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. To date, more than \$16 billion in Proposition 1B funding has been put to work statewide. State and local partnership programs and Measure "C", a half-cent local sales tax dedicated for transportation, also contributed towards the overall cost of this project.

Segment Two is scheduled to be completed by spring 2015.

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**Repair Damage:** In Fresno and Madera Counties at various locations. Funding: SHOPP. Advertise fall 2013, award contract late 2013. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559)243-3588.

**HST – Bakersfield to Fresno Segment:** High Speed Train System from the City of Bakersfield to south of Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno. Funding: HSRA (ARRA & BOND). Ready to list fall 2013; end construction summer 2018. Garth Fernandez, Project Manager, (559) 243-8012.

**HST-Fresno to Merced Segment:** High Speed Train System from south of Clinton Avenue in the City of Fresno to the City of Merced. Funding: HSRA (ARRA & BOND). Complete construction summer 2017. Garth Fernandez, Project Manager, (559) 243-8012.

**Extend Culverts or Install K Rails - 6 Locations:** Install guardrail and extend culverts on SRs 33, 46, 63, 119, 216, 223 at various locations in Fresno, Kern and Tulare counties. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list

achieved June 2013. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588

**Jacalitos Creek Bridge:** Replace bridge on SR 33 near the City of Coalinga at Jacalitos Creek. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list spring 2014; advertise summer 2014; begin construction early 2015; end construction spring 2016. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**Fresno 41/180 Outside Shoulder Barrier:** Replace existing right side metal beam guard rail with concrete barrier on southbound SR 41 to the westbound SR 180 interchange ramp in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Begin construction fall 2013; complete construction spring 2014. Earle Jones, Project Manager, (559) 243-3471.

**Ramp Improvement at SR41 and SR180:** Install concrete barriers on SR 41 and SR 180 at ramps at Abby Avenue, McKinley Avenue, Shields Avenue, Shaw Avenue, Herndon Avenue, and Friant Avenue in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list

early 2014; advertise spring 2014; award contract summer 2014; begin construction late summer 2014; complete construction summer 2015. Judy Aguilar, Project Manager, (559) 243-3457.

**Ramp Meter Replacement Planting:** Replacement planting on SR 41 between Ashlan Avenue overcrossing to Herndon Avenue undercrossing in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. CTC approved funding October 2011. In construction and on schedule; complete construction summer 2016. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**San Joaquin River Gateway Entrance Planting:** Corridor enhancements on SR 41 at the Friant Road interchange in the City of Fresno. Funding: STIP, TE, ARRA. Began construction summer 2010; complete construction late 2013. Abdul El-Dahabi, Project Manager, (559) 243-3445.

**Kingsburg to Selma Replacement Planting:** Highway planting on SR 99 between the SR 99/SR 201

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separation to north of the Floral Avenue undercrossing in and near the Cities of Kingsburg and Selma. CTC approved funding March 2009. Began construction early 2010; complete construction summer 2014. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.

**Olive Avenue Signals:** At SR 99/Olive on- and off-ramps in the City of Fresno; ramp metering included. Funding Minor A. CTC approved funding June 2010. Advertise December 2013; complete construction summer 2014. Received 95% plans for review. August 2013. Steven Milton, Project Manager, (559) 243-3451.

**San Joaquin River 6-Lane:** Replace the SR 99/San Joaquin River bridge and widen SR 99 from Grantland Avenue overcrossing in the City of Fresno to north of the Avenue 7 overcrossing in Madera County. Funding: Prop 1B Bond. In construction; construction complete summer 2016. The contractor continues on the new southbound bridge foundation in the river bottom and removal of the old southbound bridge. The mainline lanes shift as work continues. Jim Bane, Project Manager, (559) 243-3469.

**Herndon Avenue Interchange Improvements:** Remove off-ramp and intersection improvements at the SR 99/Herndon Avenue interchange in the City of Fresno. Funding: Developer, local. Ready to list summer 2013; complete construction summer 2014. Steven Milton, Project Manager, (559) 243-3451.

**Kerman Roundabout SR 145/Jensen:** SR 145 at Jensen Avenue in the City of Kerman. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list summer

2013; advertise late 2013/early 2014; begin construction spring 2014; end construction fall 2014. Project is with the Office Engineer getting the bid package prepared. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**168 Ramp Meters:** Install ramp meters on SR 168 between west of Fowler Avenue overcrossing to east of Fowler Avenue overcrossing in the City of Clovis. Funding: Minor A. Complete construction summer 2014. Anand Kapoor, Project Manager, (559) 243-3588.

**Prather 168 Overlay:** AC overlay on SR 168 near the community of Prather from Oak Creek Road to Lodge Road. Funding: SHOPP. Construction complete. Earle Jones, Project Manager, (559) 243-3471.

**Prather Curve Correction:** Realign the curve on SR 168 and Auberry Road near the community of Prather. Funding: SHOPP. Ready to list spring 2014; advertise fall 2014; begin construction early 2015; end construction summer 2015. Bob Hull, Project Manager, (559) 243-3443.

**Munger Point Enhancement:** Enhance Maynard Munger vista point on SR 168 east of the community of Prather. Funding: STIP, TE. Ready to list late 2013, advertise early 2014; award contract early 2014; begin construction spring 2014; end construction summer 2015. Suzie Holdridge, Project Manager, (559) 243-3432.

**180 Braided Ramps:** On SR 180 between SR 41 & SR 168 in the City of Fresno. Funding: SHOPP. Design-Build project was awarded and construction contract was approved

January 2012. Complete construction winter 2013. Concrete paving nearing completion on the north side with the focus now shifting to the south side. Anticipate opening some of the new ramps on the north side of the project in early to mid October. A new sound wall on the NB-41 to EB-180 connector near the Romain Park has been added at the request of the City of Fresno. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**Sequoia Freeway Landscape Project:** Highway planting and install irrigation on SR 180 in the City of Fresno between west of Clovis Avenue overcrossing to east of Temperance Avenue. Funding: RIP. CTC approved funding March 2012. Contract approved in September 2012; in construction; end construction winter 2016. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**Kings Canyon Expressway Segment 2:** SR 180 from Academy Avenue to Smith Road near the community of Centerville. Funding: Measure, Prop 1B Bond. Project was awarded April 23, 2013; construction began August 2013; end construction fall 2015. Neil Bretz, Project Manager, (559) 243-3465.

**Kings River Overflow Bridge Replacement:** Replace the Kings River overflow bridge on SR 180 northeast of the City of Sanger. Funding: SHOPP. Project was advertised on July 8, 2013 and was opened for bids on August 7, 2013. Bids were higher than the Engineer's Estimate. Currently in the process of awarding the contract; expect to award fall 2013, begin construction late 2013; end construction fall 2014. Hussein Senan, Project Manager, (559)243-3586.

## New FHWA Report Reveals States with the Busiest Highways



WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) today released a new report on the nation's busiest interstates that shows people drove more than 84.7 billion miles on California highways in 2011 - more than 900 times the distance from Earth to the Sun - making the Golden State's highways the nation's busiest. Overall, vehicles traveled 2.95 trillion miles on U.S. roads in 2011 - the eighth-highest level ever recorded, and nearly double the amount traveled in 1980.

"Better information means cities and states can more efficiently target congestion and help people get home from work faster," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. "Over the past four years, DOT has improved more than 331,000 miles of roads with federal funds, but we

know there's a lot of work that still needs to be done. Information like this, along with new construction and design technologies, help us stretch our dollars further, making a bigger difference for even more people."

Traffic volume data from 2011, the most recent year available, show that the I-5 in California was the nation's busiest interstate, with 21.4 billion miles traveled that year. California's neighboring I-10 and I-110 followed as the second and third busiest, respectively. Los Angeles' section of I-405 serves an estimated 379,000 vehicles per day, making it the busiest interstate in any American city.

Texas came in second, with people driving more than 55.7 billion miles on its interstates, followed by Florida at 34.7 billion miles and Ohio at 31.4 billion miles.

"Data like these help us better understand the highway system and its needs," said Federal Highway Administrator Victor Mendez. "Analysis of the nation's traffic patterns and areas of changing traffic volume will lead to safer, less congested roads and greater mobility for all Americans."

The FHWA's Highway Performance Monitoring System computes miles-traveled data for all interstates and highways. The data is based on thousands of automatic traffic recorders operated round-the-clock by state departments of transportation. More comprehensive data are published annually in the FHWA's "Highway Statistics."

America's Ten Busiest States (by interstate vehicle-miles traveled) in 2011:

California	84.681 billion
Texas	55.734 billion
Florida	34.689 billion
Ohio	31.389 billion
Illinois	31.033 billion
Georgia	28.467 billion
Virginia	24.062 billion
Pennsylvania	23.662 billion
North Carolina	21.241 billion
Michigan	20.707 billion

*To see a complete list of the data, available by state and interstate, visit the FHWA's "U.S. Interstate Traffic Volume Analysis" at :*

*[www.fhwa.dot.gov/interstatebrief2011/](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/interstatebrief2011/)*

## California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC)



Caltrans, in collaboration with the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, established the California Freight Advisory Committee (CFAC) in response to guidance provided in the federal transportation legislation, *Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century* (MAP-21). Consistent with MAP-21's guidance, the CFAC consists of "a representa-

tive cross-section of public and private sector freight stakeholders, including representatives of ports, shippers, carriers, freight-related associations, the freight industry workforce, the transportation department of the State, and local governments."

The CFAC meets quarterly to participate in the development of the California Freight Mobility Plan, serve as a forum for the discussion of freight-related topics, to help coordinate regional freight priorities with other organizations, and to advise the State on freight-related priorities, issues, projects, and funding needs.

The next meeting of the CFAC will be November 6, 2013 in San Diego, California.

*For more information on the CFAC:*

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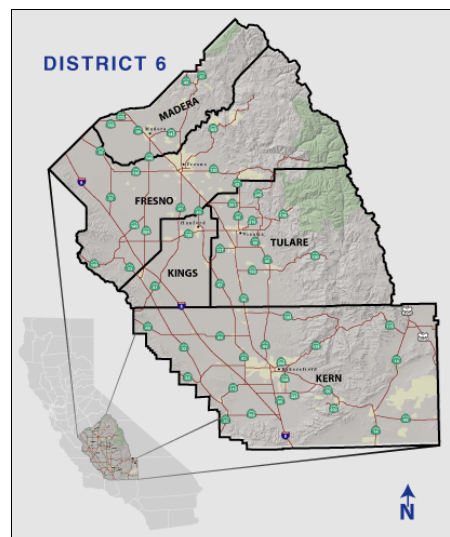
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