

District 6 Fact Sheet

Project Purpose:

The purpose of this project is to improve safety and provide congestion relief for current and future local and regional traffic. This project will also correct existing roadway deficiencies for this segment of State Route 99, provide route continuity by converting the roadway from an expressway to a freeway, construct a new interchange, close at-grade intersections and median crossings to correct safety and operational problems associated with the intersections. Shoulders will also be widened to standard width.

This project will greatly improve traffic circulation and freeway capacity on State Route 99 in Madera County. The traveling public will benefit from added safety improvements and travel times will be reduced.

Project Description:

The California Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), proposes to convert this segment of State Route 99 near the community of Fairmead in Madera County, from a four-lane expressway to a six-lane divided freeway on an ultimate eight-lane right of way. The project will convert three miles of State Route 99 from the vicinity of Avenue 21, to south of the State Route 15-99 Separation.

The proposed project will correct existing roadway deficiencies for this segment of State Route 99, widen the shoulders to standard width, and the closure of at-grade intersections and median crossings. The proposed project includes realignment of the freeway mainline to the west and construction of an interchange and a draining basin near Road 20 and Avenue 22.

Construction Cost: \$51.1 Million

Begin Construction: Winter 2006

End of Construction: Late 2009

Funding Sources:

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

Agency Responsibilities:

Caltrans: Design, Environmental, Planning, Right of Way and Construction Management.