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Interstate 5 Corridor Enhancement Project Set to Begin
SB 1 Funded $48 million to Repair Damaged Highway and add new Bus/Carpool Lanes

SACRAMENTO – Caltrans is beginning construction on a $370 million Interstate 5 Corridor Enhancement Project today with partial funding provided by Senate Bill 1 (SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017.

The project spans from south of the Elk Grove Boulevard Over crossing to the American River Viaduct and will rehabilitate the existing pavement, construct new carpool lanes, install new fiber optic lines and extend the I-5 northbound #1 lane for improved merging. The project will also replace the Casilada Way Pedestrian Over crossing and update curb ramps to meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards.

“For daily commuters, most important will be the significant reduction in travel times at peak periods,” said Acting Caltrans Director Bob Franzoia. “Once the project completes by 2022, peak traffic times in the carpool lanes will drop by an average of 13 minutes, and times in other lanes through the corridor will shorten by 7 minutes. This will save the daily commuter 50 to 100 hours a year.”

SB-1 is providing $48 million in funding for this project.

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More than 150,000 vehicles per day use this stretch of interstate to reach their destination, and nearly 15,000 trucks per day use this segment of I-5. About 70 percent of those trucks on the highway have five or more axles, adding additional stress and wear to the existing infrastructure.

SB 1 invests approximately $5.4 billion per year to fix roads, freeways and bridges in communities across California as well as strategically investing in transit. These funds are split equally between state and local projects and will allow Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts on the state highway system by 2027.

“The pavement condition of this interstate is overdue for repairs. Now we have a project in place to update I-5 by rehabilitating an aging highway, replace an outdated bike and pedestrian overcrossing and add a carpool lane in both directions for improved traffic flow,” said Caltrans District 3 Director Amarjeet S. Benipal.

The project has been awarded to Norcal Paving a joint venture of A. Teichert and Son Inc. and Granite Construction Companies, both from Sacramento, California and is expected to be completed by 2022.

More information on this project can be located at https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-3/d3-projects/d3-sac-5-corridor-enhance-0h10u

Caltrans is committed to conducting its business in a fully transparent manner and detailing its progress to the public. For complete details on SB 1, visit http://www.rebuildingca.ca.gov/.

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