THE PROJECT
Caltrans is proposing to construct an additional westbound lane on Interstate 8 (I-8) between Taylor Street and the I-8/Interstate 5 (I-5) Interchange to improve traffic safety and operations in the area.

MEETING TRAFFIC DEMANDS
Interstate 8 provides access to area beaches, local tourist attractions such as SeaWorld, Mission Bay Park and Old Town San Diego; to University of California San Diego, and University of San Diego; and to the two largest employment centers in the San Diego Region -- Downtown San Diego and Sorrento Valley. Average daily traffic in the area ranges from 160,000 to 220,000 vehicles. Demand is expected to exceed 300,000 vehicles in 2030.

ESTIMATED COSTS
The estimated total cost for the project is $22 million including approximately $13 million in construction capital and $173,000 in right-of-way capital. The project is funded by the State Highway Operations Preservation Program.

TIMELINE
Contract plans are under development. Construction is scheduled to begin in early 2018, with completion in summer 2019.