

US 395 Olancha/Cartago 4-Lane Project

FACT SHEET



The Project

This project will upgrade approximately 12.6 miles of two-lane highway to four-lane access controlled expressway from about 4 miles south of Olancha to 4 miles north of Cartago. The project is consistent with both the Caltrans US 395 Transportation Concept Report and the Inyo County Regional Transportation Plan. US 395 is a Priority Interregional Highway in the Caltrans Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan and is a route included in the Caltrans Highway Freight Network.

Benefits

This project will increase roadway safety, close the gap between existing four-lane sections to the north and south, meet present and future vehicular and goods movement traffic demands, and bring the highway up to current design standards. It will include features, such as, new shoulders, a new non-motorized multi-use undercrossing, Class III Bike Route, bus turnout, and intersection improvements that will benefit pedestrian and bicycle mobility.

Funding and Partnership

This \$83 million dollar project is jointly funded by Inyo and Mono Counties' Local Transportation Commissions, Kern Council of Governments and Caltrans with State Transportation Improvement Program funds.

Project Schedule

Environmental Document (EIR/EIS) approved....May 2017
Begin Right of Way Appraisals.....Spring 2018
Complete Plans and Specifications.....Spring 2020
Advertise Project.....Summer 2020
Begin Construction.....Fall 2020
Complete Construction.....Fall 2022

Current Status

Caltrans is working in the design and right of way phases of the project. Discussions with regulatory agencies are occurring in an effort to define and schedule pre-construction activities, ensure compliance with land use plans, and apply for permits. In the near future, property owners affected by the new alignment will receive a notice of decision to appraise from the Caltrans Right of Way department.

For additional information visit the project web page at:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/d9/projects/olancha/index.html>.

