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## **SECOND PHASE OF WIDENING HIGHWAY 46 EAST OF PASO ROBLES NOW COMPLETE**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY** – The widening of a five-mile section of Highway 46 East from Geneseo Road to Almond Drive east of Paso Robles has been completed, Caltrans officials announced today.

This project widened Hwy. 46 East from a single lane in each direction to two lanes each way and included the construction of the signature Estrella River Bridges. The contractor for this \$47 million project was Papich Construction of Pismo Beach, CA.

Construction to widen another six-mile segment (third phase) of Hwy. 46 East from Almond Drive to McMillan Canyon Road is underway. It is expected to be complete in the fall of 2015. The contractor for this \$38 million project is Papich Construction of Pismo Beach, CA.

“We are thrilled to complete this second phase of widening Hwy. 46 East and we continue to work on expanding this busy east-west corridor all the way to Interstate 5,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

These projects will improve safety, traffic flow and local access along Hwy. 46 East.

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**Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.**

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at: [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road\\_information.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm)



Photo of the new Estrella River Bridges on Hwy. 46

