



# Highway 46 East Widening Projects San Luis Obispo County

## Project Sponsor

Caltrans District 5 - San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo Council of Governments (SLOCOG) - The project sponsors secured funding for this project.

## Implementing Agency

Caltrans - The state agency planned, designed, constructed and will maintain these projects.

## Project Need

State Route 46 is a major east-west route between the San Joaquin Valley and the Pacific Coast. State Route 46 is heavily used for weekend travel between the Central Valley and the coast, particularly during the summer months. The increase in interregional traffic in the last 20 years, coupled with the anticipated future traffic from growth in northern San Luis Obispo County would continue to degrade operations and cause traveler delays if no improvements were made. The project is designed to improve safety and reduce congestion on State Route 46.

## Project Features

State Route 46 East has been widened five miles from two to four lanes from Airport Road to Geneseo Road. Work is already underway on Phase Two of widening Hwy. 46 East another five miles from Geneseo Road to East of Almond Drive and from east of Almond Drive to McMillan Canyon Road.

## Estimated Construction Cost

\$31 million - Phase One, \$47 million and \$38 million - Phase Two (constructed in two segments).

## Funding

Proposition 1B Bond and Federal Demonstration Funds, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Federal Transportation Enhancement Grant.

## Contractor

Papich Construction Company, Pismo Beach, CA has been the contractor for each of these widening projects.

## Target Schedule

- April 2008 -June 2011 (Phase One) and January 2011 – January 2013/2015 (Phase Two).

## Contact

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