Welcome to the

Public Scoping Meeting

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Description of Projects

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), as the lead agency for the California Environmental Quality Act, in cooperation with the City of Stockton, which is the project sponsor, and San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG), is in the initial stages of the Project Approval and Environmental Document Phase (PA & ED) and is studying the effects of major improvements to the interchanges of State Route 99/Morada Lane and State Route 99/Eight Mile Road. Project components for the two interchange projects may include reconstructing the interchanges and realigning the frontage roads at each of the interchanges, as well as a no-build alternative.

Purpose and Need

The purpose of the projects is to:

- **maximize the efficiency of the interchanges,**
- **prevent degradation of the freeway ramp operations,**
- **reduce traffic congestion and delay at the two interchanges,**
- **improve traffic operations and safety,**
- **improve City and County roadway operations,**
- **improve pedestrian, bicycle and transit access, and**
- **accommodate forecasted travel demand anticipated through the year 2035.**

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Cost and Funding of the Projects

- **Estimated Total Project Costs:**
  - **Morada Lane Interchange Improvements: $50 - $60 Million**
  - **Eight Mile Road Interchange Improvements: $75 - $85 Million**

- **Current Funding Source:**
  - **Public Facilities Fee Program (City of Stockton)**

Project Schedule

- **Environmental Documents**
  - **2009**

- **Design and Right-of-Way**
  - **Pending Funding Availability**

- **Begin Construction Schedule**
  - **Pending Funding Availability**

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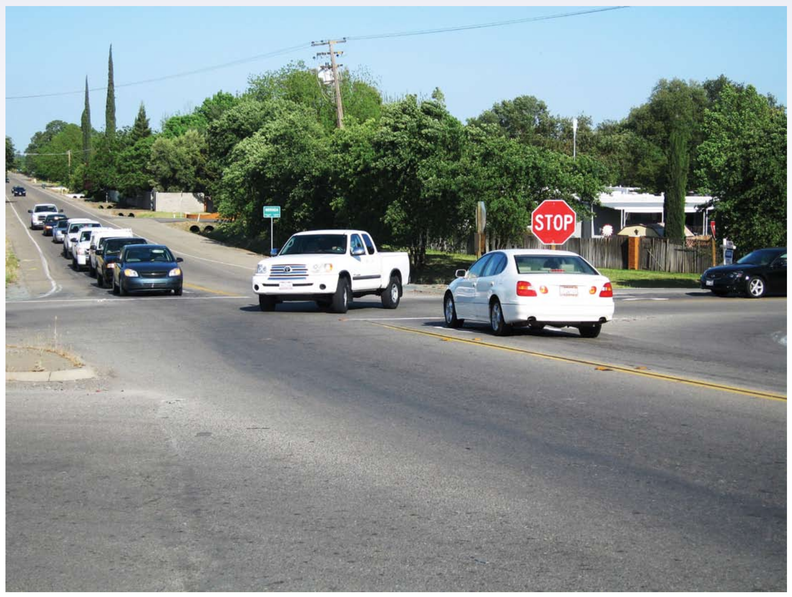
Existing Conditions

Eight Mile Road and State Route 99



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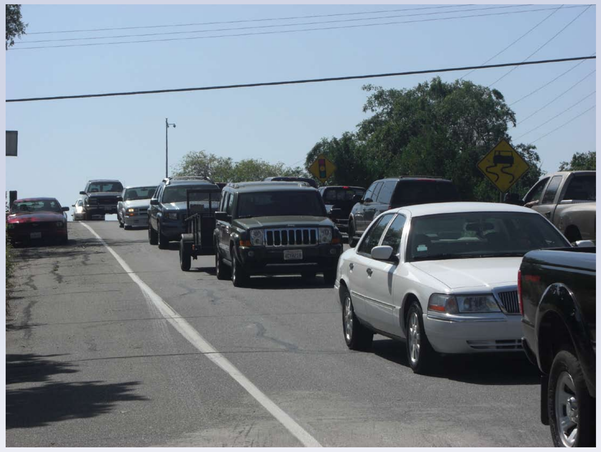
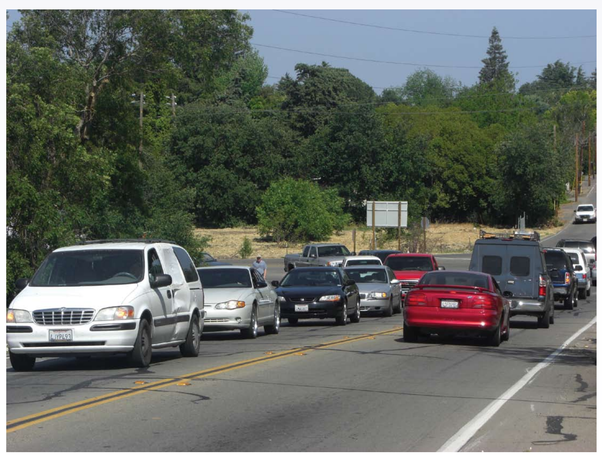
Morada Lane and State Route 99





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Environmental Process

- **Scoping**
  - Preliminary Studies to Identify Project Alternatives
  - Hold Public Scoping Meeting
    Open House: May 12, 2008
    Public Comments Due: May 30, 2008
- **Alternative Analysis**
  - Review Scoping Documents
  - Define any New Alternatives
  - Engineering and Environmental Analysis for all Alternatives
  - Hold Public Information Meeting/Open House
- **Draft Environmental Document**
  - Preliminary Results of Environmental Analysis
  - Develop Mitigation Measures
  - Circulate Draft Environmental Document
- **Public/Agency Review & Comment**
  - Comment Period
  - Public Hearing
- **Caltrans Review & Approval**
  - Formal Response to Comments
  - Select Preferred Alternative
  - Present Findings
  - Final Environmental Document

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Environmental Studies

Natural and human resources are important. The following studies for each project site will be prepared to determine how resources would be affected:

- **Architectural History**
- **Cultural Resources Evaluation**
- **Biological Studies**
- **Floodplain Study**
- **Hazardous Waste Investigation**
- **Noise Impact Study**
- **Visual Impact Assessment**
- **Water Quality Study**
- **Relocation Impact Study**
- **Farmland Analysis**
- **Community Impact Assessment**
- **Air Quality**
- **Traffic Operations and Safety**

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Caltrans Right-of-Way

- Permits to Enter
- Appraisal
- Acquisitions
- Relocation Assistance
- Property Management
- Utility Relocation
- Excess Land Sales
- Clearance and Demolition

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Right-of-Way

Right of Entry Process

Why are permits needed?

State and federal environmental laws require a thorough description and evaluation of the resources in the area of a proposed project. Field studies are done and in most cases include just walking the area taking notes and pictures to gather that information. The permits from private property owners give permission to conduct these studies.

Who obtains the permits?

Right-of-way agents will be contacting property owners to obtain written permission to allow entry onto their property.

Who performs surveys?

Biologists, archaeologists, historians, environmental engineers, surveyors, and other specialists.

What types of studies are performed?

Work primarily consists of observations, although ground disturbances created by shovel or hand trowel may be required. Any holes will be filled and restored.

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What's Next

- **Caltrans will proceed with required environmental studies and the draft environmental documents.**

  The environmental study process allows project staff to identify potential impacts and to determine ways to avoid or reduce them.

- **We will refine the alternatives based on your comments and study results.**

- **What is available for the public to review?**

  Please review the information sheet, information boards, and mapping. Your input is important to our study process. Please share any comments you have regarding the proposed projects. Additional opportunity will be given to comment after the alternatives are refined and when the draft environmental documents have been submitted for public circulation.

Thank you for attending this meeting.
Please sign in, so we can keep you informed about the projects.

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Public Comment

There are several ways you can provide input to our process:

- **Written comments can be placed in the comment box tonight.**

- **Written comments can also be sent to:**

  California Department of Transportation
  Attn: Gail Miller
  2015 East Shields Avenue, Suite 100
  Fresno, CA 93726

  or e-mail:
  Gail_Miller@dot.ca.gov

- **A professional stenographer and a recorder are available to take your comments, also.**

- **Please submit written comments by May 30, 2008.**

Thank you for your comments and attending this meeting.

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