A Foundation for Regional Transportation Enhancements

The I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange Project will convert the existing five lane Genesee Avenue overpass into 10 lanes to accommodate current and future traffic demands in the job intensive community. The project is an integral piece of the broader improvements planned along I-5 in the North Coast Corridor. It will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on Genesee Avenue and at its interchange through the replacement of the existing overcrossing and the widening of freeway access ramps. Additionally, the project will add vital bicycle and pedestrian routes that link to transportation, employment centers, hospitals and UC San Diego. The project will also greatly improve the movement of people and goods through the area.

Easing Congestion and Improving Connectivity

Key features of the I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange Project include:

- Replacing the existing overcrossing at Genesee Avenue with an improved bridge that accommodates additional vehicle lanes, sidewalks and bicycle routes;
- Widening the freeway access ramps at Genesee Avenue and Sorrento Valley Road;
- Widening Genesee Avenue in both directions adjacent to the freeway to provide new through and turn lanes;
- Constructing approximately three miles of bicycle paths in both directions from Roselle Street to Voigt Drive.

A Collaborative Process

The I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange Project is the result of a unique public and private partnership. The $94 million project was fully funded through contributions from Caltrans, SANDAG, the City of San Diego and area businesses. The partnership is a model for similar transportation projects around the region.
Next Steps

The funding for phase one of the I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange Project has been approved by SANDAG’s Board of Directors. Caltrans anticipates final design of the project in summer 2012. Work on the I-5/Genesee Avenue Interchange Project is scheduled to begin in early 2013. The project is slated to open to traffic in early 2015.