GOALS

Improve freeway operations near the I-5/SR-56 area;

Reduce peak hour congestion on local streets;

Provide a road compatible with future transit options; and

Minimize environmental impacts.

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IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY

The Interstate 5/State Route 56 Interchange Project proposes to improve the traffic operations on I-5 between Del Mar Heights Road and Carmel Valley Road, and on SR-56 between I-5 and Carmel Country Road. Project alternatives include improvements to local streets, the addition of auxiliary lanes along I-5 and SR-56, interchange improvements, or southbound-to-eastbound and westbound-to-northbound freeway connector ramps.

MAKING PROGRESS

A Draft Environmental Document was released in May 2012 for public review. The Project’s Final Environmental Document is expected to be released in Spring 2015. The Project Report/ Environmental Document phase will build on the previous studies while exploring new solutions. A Value Analysis Report was completed in May 2002. This study involved community representatives and agency staff from the city of San Diego, Caltrans, and the San Diego Association of Governments. A Project Study Report was completed by Caltrans in December 2000. That document discussed a Freeway Connectors alternative, a Local Streets alternative, and the No Build alternative.

PROJECT CONTRIBUTORS

About $9.5 million has been programmed for the I-5/SR-56 Interchange Project. Design and construction costs for the project would be dependent on completion of the Project Report/Environmental Document phase. Funding for the Project Report and Environmental Document will come from a combination of federal sources and city of San Diego funds. Federal funding sources include Coordinated Borders Infrastructure, Federal High Priority Demonstration, and Surface Transportation dollars.

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I-5/SR-56 Improvement
Area Map Legend

- Travel Shed
- Major Arterial
- Intersecting Highways
- I-5/SR-56 Interchange Project Area
- Transit Center for Coaster, Amtrak & Freight Rail (Metrolink Connection @ Oceanside)
- Existing Park and Ride

Note: Operational ITS, bike & pedestrian arterials will occur throughout the project area.

SOURCE: 2006 Rand McNally - The Thomas Guide