THE PROJECT
Caltrans has initiated the design of a safety project at the intersection of State Route 76 (SR-76) and Valley Center Road. The proposed Modern Roundabout will realign SR-76 and Valley Center Road to form a new intersection. Additional signing, sidewalks, curb ramps, high friction surface treatment, and landscaping, as well as new bus pull outs will also be constructed. The project will increase the sight distance for vehicles approaching the intersection by realigning the curve just east of the intersection. Funding will come from the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP). The estimated total project cost is $17.5 million, which includes approximately $9 million in construction capital and $3.5 million in right-of-way capital.

ROUNDABOUTS
A modern roundabout is a circulatory roadway through which vehicles travel counterclockwise within the intersection. Traffic entering the roundabout must yield to circulating traffic. The proposed roundabout will feature a raised central island around which traffic circulates and splitter islands separating entering traffic from exiting traffic. Roundabout sign packages will provide advanced information for those approaching from each of the legs to the intersection and a 16 foot wide mountable truck apron will also be included to accommodate California Legal Loads.

WHAT IS NEXT
The Final Environmental Document was released in October 2014 and is currently available on the Caltrans website at www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/Env_docs/SR76VCRFinal_ISEA.pdf. Design of the preferred alternative is tentatively scheduled for completion in 2016 with construction in 2017.