



State Route 78

Eastbound Auxiliary Lane Project

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Reduce travel times;

Improve mobility and safety for local, regional and interregional motorists, goods and services;

Minimize environmental impacts.

WHY IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED

Traffic congestion along eastbound State Route 78 between Woodland Parkway/Barham Drive and Interstate 15 currently causes an average 14-minute delay for commuters during the peak hours. By 2030, that delay is projected to increase to 30 minutes if no improvements are made.

PARTNERING FOR A SOLUTION

The city of San Marcos and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) performed a Traffic Operations Analysis of the area in March 2010.

Based on the analysis, it was determined that the addition of the eastbound auxiliary lanes between Woodland Parkway and Nordahl Road and between the Barham Drive on-ramp and the Nordahl Road off-ramp would significantly improve traffic operations at the project location.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will provide project support and oversight.

This collaborative project will relieve traffic congestion, decrease travel times and enhance motorist safety.

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FUNDING AND SCHEDULE

The estimated cost for construction is \$10.5 million and will be funded by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

Construction will begin in summer 2011 and will take approximately 14 months to complete.

