BETTER PAVEMENT, SMOOTH RIDE
Caltrans will break ground later this winter on a project to extend the life expectancy of the pavement and to provide motorists with a smoother ride along Interstate 8 in Imperial County, from State Route 111 to the border with Arizona. Without this project, the pavement would soon deteriorate.

The project will construct Continuously Reinforced Concrete Pavement (CRCP), providing a superior roadway while at the same time improving safety for highway workers exposed to traffic by reducing maintenance time and costs.

The highway’s asphalt shoulders will be replaced with CRCP reducing environmental impacts and increasing durability.

The five construction segments (see map on back) are a combined 48 miles at a cost of $386 million. The first three segments begin construction this fall and are expected to be completed in 2017. The remaining two segments will start in the fall of 2016 and finish in 2018. There will be some impacts to motorists during this time.

Funding for this project is providing by the State Highway Operation and Protection Program.

A portion of the highway in the eastern county is not part of this project because it will not require improvement for several years.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
Begin Construction Fall 2015
Segment One: 10.5 miles at $78.5 million,
Segment Two: 9.5 miles at $79.7 million and
Segment Three: 6.8 miles at $56.1 million.

Begin Construction Fall 2016
Segment Four: 14.4 miles at $112 million and
Segment Five: 7 miles at $59.7 million.