



# State Route 180 East – Kings Canyon Expressway - Segment 1 FACT SHEET– November 2009

## The Project

This project proposes to construct the new 4-lane Kings Canyon Expressway from just east of Temperance Avenue to Quality Avenue on a 6-lane right of way alignment. This segment will complete over 6 miles of NEW Expressway on SR180 that will safely transport local goods, daily commuters and Valley tourists traveling throughout Fresno County. With the extension of segments beyond this 4-lane expressway in the near future, this route will continue to be improved eastward and serves as the gateway to Kings Canyon/Sequoia National Parks.

## The Need

The existing State Route 180 in southeast Fresno is a highly congested conventional arterial. The residents of Fresno, Clovis, Sanger, Reedley, Squaw Valley and Centerville all rely on this corridor to connect them to other parts of the County. The southeast side of the Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area presently lacks a major east-west freeway. This project will provide a safe, convenient east-west freeway for our daily commuters. Many of these communities were agricultural, rural areas when the Sequoia Freeway was planned many years ago—however based on rapid population growth in Fresno County, there are now one million residents and these communities have become part of the urban/metropolitan area.

## Jobs/Benefits

The route serves as the primary agricultural goods movement corridor in eastern Fresno County and is of growing importance for commute travel from the surrounding rural areas and neighboring communities to the Fresno metropolitan area. Agricultural jobs and goods movement will be secured for future access and this project may create up to 1000 new jobs.

## Partnership

This project is possible through a partnership with the Council of Fresno County Governments and the Fresno County Transportation Authority utilizing American Response & Recovery Act and Measure C sales tax funds respectively.

## Project Status

The construction contract is scheduled to be advertised and awarded in Summer of 2009.

## Project Costs

- Plans Specifications & Estimates - \$ 4,781,000 (STIP)
- Right of Way Support- \$ 5,214,000(STIP)
- Right of Way Capital - \$23,273,000 (STIP)
- Construction Support- \$ 4,811,000 (ARRA)
- Construction Capital - \$29,610,000 (ARRA, Local Measure C)
- Total - \$67,689,000** & Federal Demo Funds)

Total project construction cost is \$30 million. Funding will come from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), Federal Demonstration funds and Measure C sales tax funds.

