

**Purpose:**

This segment of the State Route (SR) 46 Expressway Projects is located at Blackwell's Corner and was designed to help further increase the safety of this Interregional Corridor as well as improve overall traffic operations. This project will increase the capacity of the existing facility and will thereby reduce congestion, improve traffic operations and improve traffic safety by widening this segment of State Route 46.

**Description:**

The project is located in Kern County on State Route 46 near Lost Hills, from two miles west of State Route 33 to Brown Material Road. This project proposes the widening of State Route 46 from a 2-lane conventional highway to a 4-lane expressway with a 62 foot wide median throughout the project limits. Existing intersections within the project limits would also be upgraded to accommodate STAA (Surface Transportation Act of 1982) trucks. This project will also include the realignment and additional upgrades to State Route 33 at the intersection of State Route 46.

**Construction Cost:** \$25 Million

**Begin Construction:** Fall 2009

**End Construction:** Fall 2012

**Funding Sources:** State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), Interregional Improvement Program (IIP), Federal Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA-LU) Funds

**Project Partners:** California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)  
Kern Council of Governments (COG)

**Prime Contractor:** Griffith Company

Project map on reverse



