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CALTRANS ANNOUNCES BEGINNING OF CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT ON STATE ROUTE 63 / MOONEY BOULEVARD

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the beginning of construction on State Route 63/Mooney Boulevard. Caltrans in cooperation with the City of Visalia and Teichert Construction will begin construction of the State Route 63/Mooney Boulevard 6-Lane Widening Project in June 2008.

This \$12 million dollar project will widen Mooney Boulevard from the existing 4-lane highway to a 6-lane conventional highway from Packwood Creek to State Route 198. As part of this project, dual left-turn lanes and exclusive right-turn lanes will be added at four major intersections, Caldwell, Tulare, Orchard and Beech Avenues. In addition, the City of Visalia will also make identical upgrades to Whitendale and Walnut Avenues. Twenty bus bay turn-outs will be constructed at major intersections and at mid-block locations. Median landscaping will also be included within the project scope.

This project will improve traffic operations by increasing the capacity on this segment of State Route 63 through the City of Visalia. Construction of this project will reduce traffic congestion on local streets, by improving traffic flow, reducing travel times and increasing safety for motorists.

This project is scheduled to be completed in the Winter of 2009.

A Pre-Construction Public Information Meeting/Open House will be held on Tuesday, May 27th, 2008 at the College of the Sequoias, Sequoia Building, Room 1 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents, business owners and commuters are encouraged to attend.

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