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## NEXT STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON STATE ROUTE 63 / MOONEY BOULEVARD

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the City of Visalia and Teichert Construction announces Stage 1B of the construction of the State Route 63/Mooney Boulevard 6-Lane Widening Project will begin Monday evening, October 13, 2008.

Stage 1B is the second of six stages throughout this \$12 million dollar project that 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, 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.

Construction of Stage 1A has been completed, which consisted of the widening of southbound Mooney Boulevard on the west side from Meadow Avenue to Walnut Avenue. Stage 1B will continue construction on the southbound side from Walnut Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue.

Sidewalks located in Stage 1B will be closed and city bus stops located between Walnut and Sunnyside will be temporarily relocated to nearby side streets. Bus stops that were temporarily relocated within Stage 1A between Meadow and Walnut, will return to their original location on Mooney Boulevard and bus detours for Stage 1A will discontinue. For more information regarding City bus routes, please contact the Visalia City Coach office at 713-4750 or visit them on the web at [www.ridevcc.com](http://www.ridevcc.com)

Please remember that local businesses located on Mooney Boulevard will remain open and access to driveways will be maintained during construction, so please continue your patronage.

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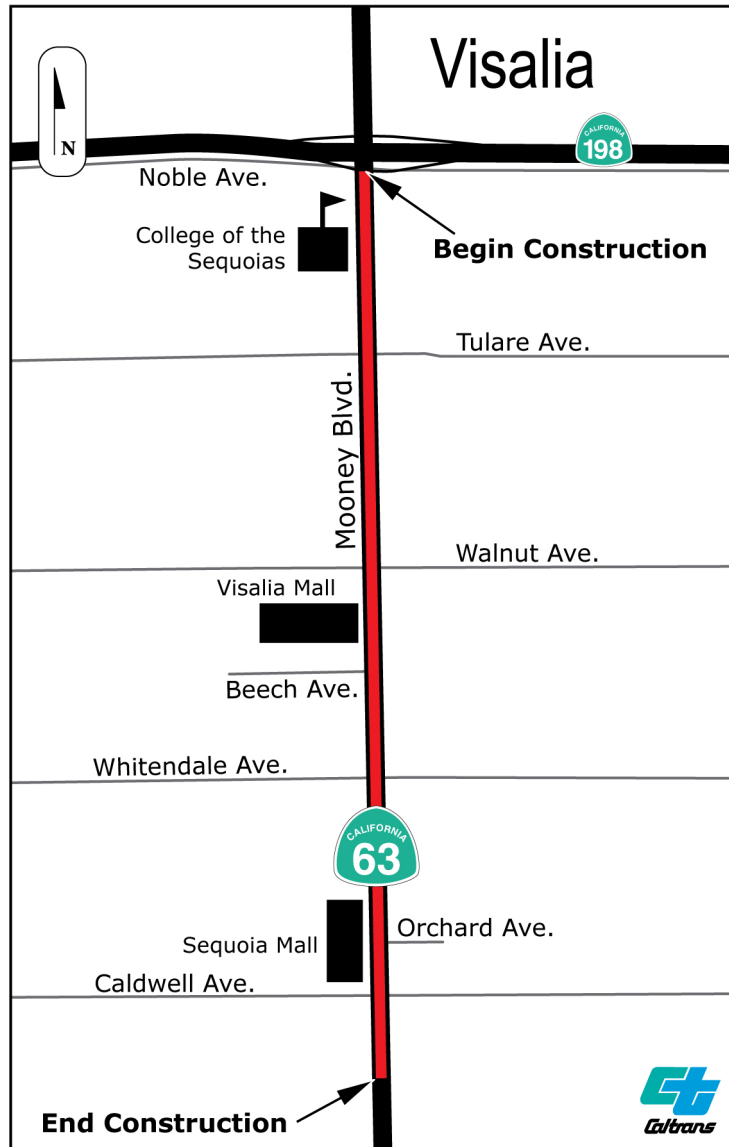


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For updates and information regarding lane closures, commuter alerts and construction schedules during the length of this construction project, you can call 1-866-740-9230. or visit us on the web, at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist6](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6) and click on the Mooney Blvd logo.



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