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CALTRANS TO HOLD
PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
FOR STAGE 1C OF
STATE ROUTE 63 / MOONEY BOULEVARD PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Teichert Construction and the City of Visalia will hold a public information meeting for the Stage 1C portion of the construction of the State Route 63/Mooney Boulevard 6-Lane Widening Project.

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.

Stage 1B which consisted of the widening of southbound Mooney Boulevard on the west side from Walnut Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue, was the second of six stages throughout this project and is near completion. Stage 1C is the third phase of this project which will continue work from Sunnyside Avenue to Packwood Creek on southbound Mooney Boulevard. Preliminary construction of Stage 1C has been underway during the winter months preparing for pavement and sidewalk removal which will begin Sunday, April 19, 2009.

This project is scheduled to be completed in late 2009.

The Stage 1C Pre-Construction Public Information Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at the Visalia Mall, near the north entrance from Walnut Avenue, in the old Bath and Body Works storefront from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents, business owners and commuters are encouraged to attend.

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