



# Information Sheet: Olancha~Cartago 4-Lane Project

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## The Project

This project will upgrade approximately 11 miles of two-lane highway to four-lanes from about 4 miles south of Olancha to 4 miles north of Cartago. The project will close the gap between the existing four-lane sections to the south and north of this project.

## The Need

US 395 is a High Emphasis route and is part of the Interregional Road System (IRRS). The Highway is vital to the economy of the Eastern Sierra region and is one of five major recreational corridors identified for Southern California. The highway has recurrent congestion and the fatal accident rate is higher than the statewide average for a similar facility.

## Benefits

This project will improve roadway safety, provide for continuity of the U.S. Highway 395 corridor, meet present and future traffic demands, and bring the highway up to current design standards.

## Partnership

This project was developed through a partnership between Inyo County Local Transportation Commission, Mono County Local Transportation Commission, Kern County Council of Governments and the California Department of Transportation. It is one part of a long term corridor plan to close the two-lane gaps along the corridor (which includes Highway 14 in Kern County), improving both safety of the route and reducing travel delay.

## Project Status

The project is currently in the environmental study and preliminary design phase. In this phase, impacts of the proposed alternatives are identified, studied and documented. An evaluation of the impacts will be released in the Draft Environmental Document for public review and comment.

## Project Cost

Project is funded for \$25.6 million, which does not include construction capital costs. Total project cost is estimated at \$153 million.

## Project Schedule

Final Environmental Document: Fall 2011  
Start Construction: Winter 2015

## For more information

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