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State Route 56
I-5 to I-15 Project Study Report
FACT SHEET

GOALS

Increase freeway capacity;

Reduce peak hour traffic congestion;

Minimize environmental impacts.

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Route and Future Improvements

State Route 56 (SR-56) is four-lane freeway connecting Interstate 5 to Interstate 15. It is the only major east/west route within the 22 miles that separate State Route 52 and State Route 78 and carries primarily regional traffic.

The San Diego Association of Government's (SANDAG) 2050 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) calls for upgrading the route to a six-lane freeway (Revenue Constrained Plan). The improvement would be completed by year 2040 at a cost of approximately $244 million.

Status

Caltrans and the city of San Diego are working on a preliminary engineering study, referred to as the SR-56 Project Study Report – Project Development Support (PSR-PDS) to investigate the feasibility of a phased implementation of the proposed improvements. This would allow some improvements to be completed in a faster time frame.

Scope and Schedule

Work on the SR-56 PSR-PDS began in 2014 and be completed in winter 2015. Caltrans, the city of San Diego, and SANDAG will then determine the next steps – including possibly beginning formal environmental studies for the first phase of improvements.

Funding

Funding for the improvements has not yet been identified. Funding for the PSR-PDS is being provided by the city of San Diego through development fees that were approved in the city's Facilities Benefit Assessment District Plans for the SR-56 corridor.