



PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS AND THE CITY OF MENDOTA INVITE THE PUBLIC TO ATTEND GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

FRESNO-The California Department of Transportation Caltrans, District 6 Fresno, in partnership with the City of Mendota, Fresno County and Council of Fresno County Governments, invite the public to attend a Groundbreaking Ceremony on Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 10:30 a.m. at the Caltrans Maintenance Yard located within the City of Mendota.

The Groundbreaking ceremony will “Kick-Off” construction of the \$9.1 million dollar **State Route 180 East Widening** construction project. RGW Construction, Inc., Livermore, CA is the primary contractor and it is anticipated that this project will be completed in September 2009.

This improvement project located on State Route 180 near the City of Mendota from Belmont Avenue to the Whitesbridge San Joaquin Valley Railroad crossing is a welcome addition for the County, City of Mendota, residents and businesses. This project will improve almost 3-miles of roadway, improve mobility for east-west travelers, and will increase motorist safety.

Project improvements will include the rehabilitation of the existing roadway, widening the existing shoulders, widening of the two Kings Slough Bridges and widening the Kings Slough Bridge. In addition, this project will add left turn channelization from westbound State Route 180 to Panoche Road. In order to alleviate previous flooding issues within the project limits, a section of the roadway will be raised, conveyance ditches will be placed on both sides of the highway and additional cross culverts and other drainage improvements will be made. This improvement project is made possible due to funding sources received from the Federal Government and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

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State Route 180-Groundbreaking

Traveling from Northbound SR 99: Exit State Route 180 West towards Mendota, turn right on Belmont Avenue, turn left into Caltrans Maintenance yard, follow signs to parking.

Traveling from Southbound SR 99: Exit at the State Route 145, travel south to SR180, head west and turn right on Belmont Avenue, turn left into Caltrans Maintenance yard, follow signs to parking.

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