Next stop: more lanes to Interstate 5 in North County.
What improvements are included in the project?

The project entails capacity and operational improvements along the I-5 Freeway. The existing I-5 HOV lanes terminating at I-5/SR-14 interchange will be extended north to Parker Rd so there will be continuous HOV lanes on the I-5 through the San Fernando Valley and Santa Clarita Valley. The existing northbound truck lane will be extended from the Gavin Canyon undercrossing to the Calgrove Bl off-ramp, while a new southbound truck lane will be added from the Calgrove Bl on-ramp to SR-14.

On northbound I-5, auxiliary lanes will be added between Calgrove Bl and Pico-Lyons Av, and between Magic Mountain Parkway and the Truck Scales. On southbound I-5 auxiliary lanes (additional outside lanes extending between an on-ramp and a subsequent off-ramp) will be added between SR-126 and Rye Canyon Rd, between Rye Canyon Rd and Magic Mountain Parkway, and between Valencia Bl and McBean Parkway.

The following bridges will be widened to accommodate the freeway improvements:

- Gavin Canyon Undercrossing
- Calgrove Boulevard Undercrossing
- Butte Canyon Bridge
- Magic Mountain Parkway Undercrossing
- Santa Clara Overhead
- Rye Canyon Undercrossing
- Castaic Creek Bridge

There will also be a replacement bridge constructed at the Weldon Canyon overcrossing.

How would the I-5 truck lanes improve safety?

The project will enhance safety along the I-5 corridor through the Santa Clarita Valley with the extension of the northbound truck lane from the Gavin Canyon undercrossing to Calgrove Bl, and the addition of a southbound truck lane from Calgrove Bl to SR-14. These truck lane improvements will provide added lanes to separate trucks from vehicles in the general purpose lanes.

When will construction start and how long will it last?

It will take 30 to 36 months to complete the design of the project. Construction will begin in approximately summer of 2019 and last until winter of 2022.

There is already a great deal of traffic on the I-5. What will be done to minimize delays during construction?

A Traffic Management Plan (TMP) will be developed and implemented to minimize delays and maintain access during the construction period. The TMP will include a public awareness program to inform the public of project progress and upcoming closures and detours. Additionally, major construction activities will be conducted during off-peak travel times to the extent possible.

During construction, there will be periods when lanes are relocated around work areas with temporary striping, but the existing number of lanes will be maintained during peak traffic periods.

Once constructed, the new lanes will add capacity to the I-5 through Santa Clarita. The new lanes are expected to provide a much faster and smoother driving experience in the area for local traffic and long distance travelers.

Will on-ramps and off-ramps be affected during construction?

Yes, many of the on-ramps and off-ramps will be affected during construction. The goal is to have maximum number of on-ramps and off-ramps remain open during construction. However, some ramps will need to be closed temporarily during construction for various time frames depending on the proposed improvements to the ramp. The construction staging will be planned such that ramps at adjacent interchanges will not be closed simultaneously.

Will The Old Road be impacted by the project?

The Old Road will remain “as-is” after the completion of the project, but may experience some additional traffic during the construction period as it may be used as an alternate route/detour. In addition, temporary realignments that may include reduced number of lanes, reduced lane widths and shoulder widths may be required during construction along the The Old Road near Weldon Canyon Rd, Gavin Canyon undercrossing and Hasley Canyon Rd.
Where will soundwalls be provided?

Substantial effort was invested in evaluating the potential noise impacts of the proposed project during the planning process. Caltrans conducted several surveys with the adjacent communities along the freeway corridor to solicit their opinions about constructing and maintaining soundwalls on their properties. The results of the surveys indicated that majority of the residents did not want to have soundwalls built along their property lines.

Based on recent noise monitoring findings and subsequent assessments, it was revealed that soundwalls could be constructed along the edge of freeway shoulder to effectively reduce noise levels for some communities adjacent to the I-5 Freeway within the limits of the project. Soundwall qualifications require that future noise created by the project be reduced by five dBA and the cost per benefitted dwelling not exceed $92,000, as required by State Law (23 CFR 772).

There is currently construction activity on the I-5 in Santa Clarita Valley. What is the status of these other projects?

Caltrans has a pavement rehabilitation project from SR-14 to one mile north of Parker Rd. Construction for the rehabilitation project started in May 2017 and will be completed in July 2019. This project will remove and replace damaged parts of the roadway pavement.

Where is the funding coming from for this project?

Funding for final design is coming from Measure R. Funding for construction will come from Measure M.

Metro and Caltrans proposed Express Lanes in 2013 for this corridor. Will this project include Express Lanes?

No, Express Lanes (or toll lanes) are no longer planned as part of this project.

How can I comment on this project?

During the design phase, Metro will host community meetings at key milestones and conduct presentations to stakeholder groups to engage the community and receive feedback. In order to stay informed about the project and to receive periodic updates, please register on the project website at metro.net/I-5-enhancements.
Stay Informed

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