Interstate 5 Corridor
Improvements
South Los Angeles County

About the Santa Ana Freeway (Interstate 5) South Corridor Improvement Projects

Six I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects, extending 6.7 miles between the Los Angeles County/Orange County line to the San Gabriel River Freeway (Interstate 605), are identified by their location at Valley View Avenue, Alondra Boulevard, Carmenita Road, Rosecrans Avenue, Imperial Highway and Florence Avenue in the cities of La Mirada, Santa Fe Springs, Norwalk and Downey.

A $1.6 billion investment on the Santa Ana Freeway includes widening the roadway to add one High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV), or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane, constructing concrete center median barriers, widening shoulders and many other safety features. Interchanges, bridges, ramps, a pedestrian overcrossing, soundwalls and adjacent frontage roads will be constructed, reconstructed or modified. A total of 22 structures will be reconstructed, relocated or upgraded.

The I-5 South Corridor in Los Angeles County will be widened from the existing three or four general purpose lanes to 10 lanes — four lanes, plus one HOV lane in each direction. Once completed, these improvements will relieve current and future congestion, improve traffic flow and air quality, reduce freeway noise and encourage ridesharing. Motorists will experience an easier, smoother and less congested transition at the Los Angeles County/Orange County line.

Today, four consecutive segments are in construction: the Carmenita Road Interchange Project, the Alondra Boulevard Bridge Project, the Rosecrans/Bloomfield/Shoemaker Bridges Project, and the Imperial Highway/Pioneer Boulevard Project. The Florence Avenue Interchange Project will begin construction in early 2014 and the final segment, the Valley View Avenue Interchange Project is scheduled to begin construction in mid-2014.

The Interstate 5 Corridor Improvement Projects

Interstate 5 in California is a vital north/south artery for the travelling public and it is one of the state’s most heavily-used corridors to move goods and services between the borders of Mexico and Canada.

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7, serving Los Angeles and Ventura counties, and its regional partners, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), are investing approximately $3 billion in several Interstate 5 Corridor Improvement Projects, funded through a combination of federal, state and local resources.

The I-5 Corridor Improvement Projects are distinguished by two segments: the Golden State Freeway (I-5 North Corridor Projects) in northern Los Angeles County and the Santa Ana Freeway (I-5 South Corridor Projects) in southern Los Angeles County.

Caltrans began construction on the I-5 North Corridor Projects in early 2011 and has completed four of the 11 projects in northern Los Angeles County between State Route 134 and the Kern County line. Five more projects are currently underway on the I-5 North Corridor.

In late 2011, the first of six I-5 South Corridor Projects began construction. Today, four consecutive segments are in construction on I-5 in the cities of Norwalk and Santa Fe Springs and the final two segments will begin in early to mid-2014.

Between 2016 and 2017 throughout the I-5 North and South Corridors, various project segments from the Los Angeles County/Orange County line to north of State Route 126 will complete construction.

For more information about the I-5 Corridor Improvement Projects in Los Angeles County, please visit www.I-5info.com or call the toll-free information line at 855-454-6335.
All six I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects include freeway widening to accommodate one HOV, or carpool lane, and one general purpose lane. Other improvements include ramp, bridge and interchange reconstruction and reconfiguration, shoulder widening, concrete median barriers and other safety enhancements.

Once completed, the I-5 South Corridor Improvement Projects will benefit the motoring public and the surrounding communities of Downey, Norwalk, Santa Fe Springs and La Mirada by reducing traffic congestion, improving traffic flow and air quality, enhancing safety and promoting carpooling.