



Interstates 5 and 8 Connector Project

FACT SHEET

GOALS

Reduce traffic congestion on Interstate 8;

Reduce the collision rate on westbound I-8 to the I-5 connector; and

Provide increased access to Downtown San Diego and Sorrento Valley, as well as regional recreation facilities and universities.

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THE PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proposing to construct an additional northbound lane and auxiliary lanes on Interstate 5 between Interstate 8 and SeaWorld Drive in San Diego. One westbound lane will be added to I-8 at the northbound I-5 connector to relieve congestion at the interchange.

TRAFFIC

This section of I-5 provides access to the two largest employment centers in the San Diego Region: Downtown and Sorrento Valley. It also provides access to SeaWorld, Mission Bay Park, Old Town San Diego, University of California San Diego, and University of San Diego. Average daily traffic in the area ranges from 160,000 to 220,000 vehicles. Demand is expected to exceed 300,000 vehicles in 2030.

FUNDING

The estimated total cost for the project is \$23.8 million. Congress has appropriated \$1.2 million and the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users contributed \$4.8 million. TransNet provided \$3.6 million and \$14.2 million was funded by State Highway Operations Preservation Program.

STATUS

Contract plans are under development. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2014, with completion in 2016.

