



# Interstate 8 Imperial Avenue Interchange FACT SHEET

## GOALS

Provide access from Imperial Avenue to existing and future development south of I-8 and eliminate the current out-of-direction travel on city streets and county roads;

Improve traffic safety and update the existing interchange; and

Reduce traffic congestion at Imperial Avenue and 4th Street interchanges on I-8 in the city of El Centro.

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## IMPROVING THE HIGHWAY

Caltrans proposes to reconstruct the interchange at Imperial Avenue and Interstate 8 (I-8). Work will include installing two ramps that will provide direct access to the southern sections of Imperial Avenue from I-8.

## MEETING TRAFFIC DEMANDS

Traffic in the project area is primarily associated with interregional congestion on I-8 and onto and from Imperial Avenue north of I-8. The Imperial Avenue interchange experiences congestion in the morning and afternoon hours. Approximately 16,000-27,000 vehicles per day use this section on I-8. By 2025, traffic on this portion of I-8 is projected to almost double.

## SECURING DOLLARS

The estimated project cost is \$42 million. This includes the design costs, acquiring the needed right of way and construction. While design and right of way phases have been programmed, the construction funds are not yet available.

## WHAT'S AHEAD?

Acquisition of critical parcels has begun. The Design phase is scheduled to be complete in two years. Construction will take two years to complete once funding is available.

