



## State Route 41 Sunflower II Project Kings, Kern & San Luis Obispo Counties

### **Project Purpose:**

The purpose of this project is to improve safety along State Route 41. This route serves a high volume of weekend and holiday travelers between the Central Valley and Coastal Communities.

This project is the second phase of the Sunflower Series of projects. The first project was recently completed on State Route 41 in the Reef City area. The third phase will consist of extending an existing passing lane and widening the shoulders in San Luis Obispo County. This project is scheduled to go to construction later this year.

### **Project Description:**

This project will improve the safety of this route by creating a new road surface in accordance with modern roadway standards. Within Kern County, the sight distance will be improved throughout the mountainous terrain and standard shoulders will be added within the project limits. In Kings County, the project will provide a raised alignment above the existing floodplain, raising the roadway out of its current flood risk. A wider bridge will be constructed at Avenal Creek.

In addition, this project will accomplish substantial earthwork for the third phase of this project.

**Construction Cost:** \$34 Million

**Begin Construction:** February 2007

**End Construction:** Fall 2008

**Funding Sources:** State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP)

**Contractor:** Kiewit Pacific Co.

**Current Status:** 25% complete. Full closures at night will continue through mid August. The end of construction is expected in Fall of 2008. There will then be a plant establishment period through Fall of 2009.

**Project map on reverse**

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