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## CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON STATE ROUTE 63 / MOONEY BOULEVARD

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the City of Visalia and Teichert Construction announces Stage 1A of the construction of the State Route 63/Mooney Boulevard 6-Lane Widening Project has begun effective today, July 7, 2008.

This \$12 million dollar project will widen Mooney Boulevard from the existing 4-lane highway to a 6-lane conventional highway from Packwood Creek to State Route 198. As part of this project, left-turn lanes and exclusive right-turn lanes will be added at four major intersections, Caldwell, Tulare, Orchard and Beech Avenues. In addition, the City of Visalia will also make identical upgrades to Whitendale and Walnut Avenues. Twenty bus bay turn-outs will be constructed at major intersections and at mid-block locations. Median landscaping will also be included within the project scope.

Construction of Stage 1A consists of the widening of southbound Mooney Boulevard on the west side from Meadow Avenue to Walnut Avenue. The construction of Stage 1A will continue through August 2008, this is the first of six stages throughout this project.

Sidewalks located in this area will be closed and city bus stops located between Meadow and Walnut will be temporarily relocated to nearby side streets. For more information regarding City bus routes, please contact the Visalia City Coach office at 713-4750 or visit them on the web at [www.ridevcc.com](http://www.ridevcc.com)

Please remember that local businesses located on Mooney Boulevard will remain open and access to driveways will be maintained during construction, so please continue your patronage.

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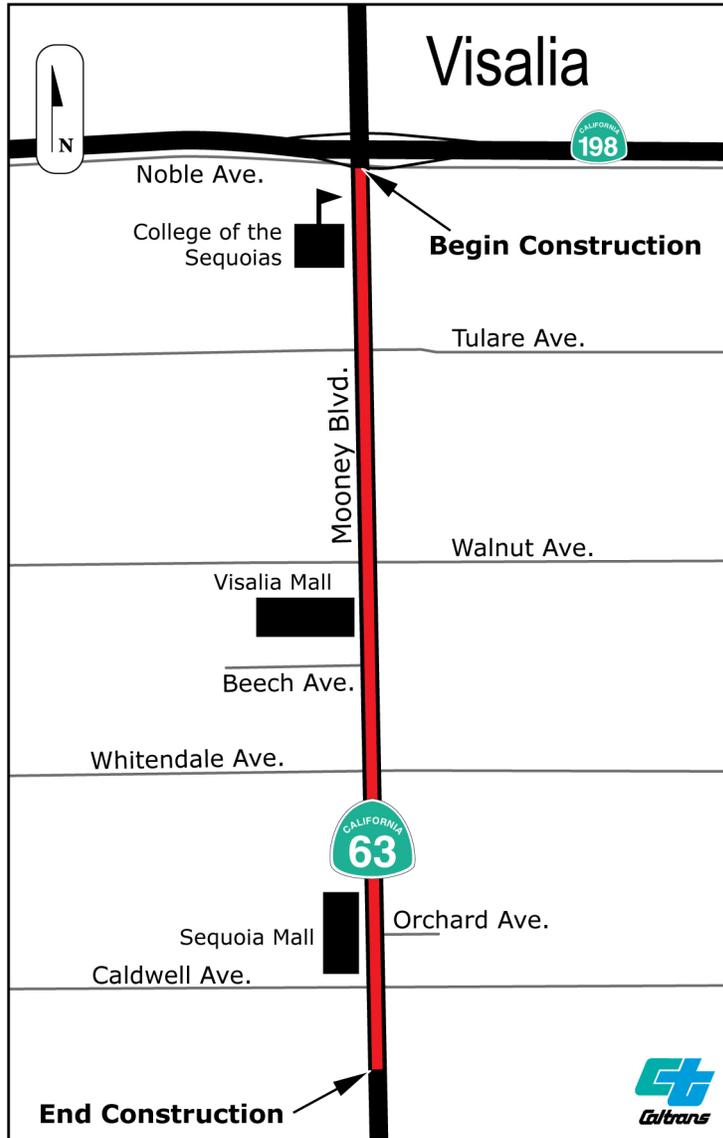




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For updates and information regarding lane closures, commuter alerts and construction schedules during the length of this construction project, you can call 1-866-740-9230. or visit us on the web, at [www.dot.ca.gov/dist6](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist6) and click on the Mooney Blvd logo.



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