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CALTRANS TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING FOR STAGE 1B OF STATE ROUTE 63 / MOONEY BOULEVARD PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with the City of Visalia and Teichert Construction will hold a public information meeting for the Stage 1B portion of the construction of the State Route 63/Mooney Boulevard 6-Lane Widening Project.

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, dual 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.

Stage 1A which consisted of the widening of southbound Mooney Boulevard on the west side from Meadow Avenue to Walnut Avenue, was the first of six stages throughout this project and is near completion. Stage 1B is the second phase of this project which will continue work from Walnut Avenue to Sunnyside Avenue on southbound Mooney Boulevard. Construction of Stage 1B will begin immediately following the completion of Stage 1A.

This project is scheduled to be completed in late 2009.

The Stage 1B Pre-Construction Public Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Visalia Mall, near the north entrance off of Walnut Avenue, in the old Victoria's Secret storefront from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Residents, business owners and commuters are encouraged to attend.

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