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NEXT STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION ON STATE ROUTE 63 / MOONEY BOULEVARD TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in cooperation with Teichert Construction announces Stage 2C of the construction of the State Route 63 / Mooney Boulevard 6-Lane Widening Project will begin this week.

Stage 2C is the sixth stage of the pavement/sidewalk removal and replacement phase of this 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, left-turn lanes and exclusive right-turn lanes will be added at four major intersections, Caldwell, Tulare, Orchard and Beech Avenues. In addition to this project, the City of Visalia will also complete two projects that will make identical upgrades to Whitendale and Walnut Avenues. Twenty bus turn-outs will be constructed at major intersections and at mid-block locations to aid with the flow of traffic.

Construction of Stage 2B is near completion, which consisted of the widening of Mooney Boulevard on the east side from Whitendale Avenue to Princeton Avenue. Stage 2C will continue construction on the east side from Princeton Avenue to State Route 198.

Sidewalks located in Stage 2C will be closed and city bus stops located between Princeton Avenue to State Route 198 will be temporarily relocated to nearby side streets. For more information regarding city bus routes, please contact the Visalia City Coach office at (559) 713-4750 or visit them on the web at 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 at Mooney Boulevard businesses.

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

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