



MEDIA ADVISORY

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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR STATE ROUTE 99 GOSHEN TO KINGSBURG 6-LANE PROJECT SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY

FRESNO/TULARE - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in partnership with the Tulare County Association of Governments invites the public to attend a Ground Breaking Ceremony for the State Route 99 Goshen to Kingsburg 6-Lane Widening Project to be held on Friday, April at 10:30 a.m. The ceremony will be held at the C.H. Warlow Safety Roadside Rest Area located along State Route 99, just south of the City of Kingsburg.

This \$101 million dollar project will widen the existing four-lane freeway to a six-lane freeway from the community of Goshen in Tulare County to just north of the Tulare/Fresno County line near the City of Kingsburg, a total of approximately 13.8 miles. This project will add lanes in the median with the exception of the section across the Kings River, from Dodge Avenue to Mendocino Avenue (Road 12, 18th Ave), which will be widened to the west. State Route 99 bridges at the Kings River will be replaced. Soundwalls will be constructed at various locations. In the Kingsburg area, median oleander planting will be replaced with paved shoulders and a concrete median barrier.

The project will add lanes to increase the capacity of the freeway to accommodate current and future traffic volumes on State Route 99 which are expected to double between the years 2010 and 2040. This project is consistent with the Route Concept, the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan, the Route 99 Business Plan, the Corridor System Management Plan, and the Tulare and Fresno Regional Transportation Plans. It continues the objective of widening all of State Route 99 to a minimum of a six-lane freeway throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

The event will be hosted by Tulare County Supervisor Pete Vander Poel, Chairman, Tulare County Association of Governments. Speakers will include Malcolm Dougherty, Caltrans Chief Deputy Director; Assemblymember Connie Conway; a representative from Congressman Devin Nunes' office; Wayne Ross, Mayor City of Tulare; Bruce Blayney, Mayor, City of Kingsburg and other City and County Officials.

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