



# SR-163/Friars Road Interchange Project

## FACT SHEET

### GOALS

Modify the interchange to improve traffic operations in the area;

Provide improved access for bicyclists and pedestrians; and

Minimize weaving on southbound SR-163 between Friars Road and I-8.

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### THE PROJECT

The State Route 163/Friars Road Interchange project is funded by the city of San Diego. The construction contract will be administered by Caltrans and will be constructed in three phases. Phase 1 is scheduled to begin in 2017 and will take approximately two years to complete. Phases 2 and 3 will be scheduled as funding becomes available.

**Phase 1:** Construction includes widening the State Route 163 (SR-163) Friars Road overcrossing from three to four lanes in each direction and improvements to the SR-163 on- and off-ramps and on Frazee Road. This phase will also construct a southbound SR-163 auxiliary lane just north of Friars Road.

Improvements for bicyclists and pedestrians in this phase include providing a bike lane and sidewalk on both eastbound and westbound Friars Road in addition to on- and off-ramp modifications to eliminate the 'free right' moves.

**Phase 2:** Pending Project Funding

Construct a new collector ramp from southbound SR-163 to westbound Interstate 8 (I-8) and a new flyover entrance ramp from Ulric Street to southbound SR-163 to reduce weaving.

**Phase 3:** Pending Project Funding

Construct two southbound SR-163 auxiliary lanes from Genesee Avenue to Friars Road. Construct a northbound SR-163 auxiliary lane for motorists entering the freeway from Friars Road.

### THE NEED

Extensive residential and commercial development has increased traffic demand at this interchange causing significant traffic delays. Seasonal activities at Fashion Valley Mall and events at Qualcomm Stadium further exacerbate these conditions. During peak travel times, vehicles slow due to excessive traffic demand and existing weaving conditions on southbound SR-163 at Friars Road and at I-8.

### COST

Phase 1 Construction Cost: \$40 million

Phases 2 & 3 Construction Cost: \$71 million

Total estimated Construction Cost: \$111 million

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