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Route 1/17 Merge Lanes

RE: PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

- Right of Way funding has become available on the 1/17 Merge Lanes project. Garvee funding on another large STIP project has free'd up R/W money which is being used to fund R/W on this project. Right of Way work has resumed. Permanent easements are being acquired, and utility relocations negotiated with utility companies. Once new offers are sent out, and we assess how long it will take to relocate utilities we will have a new right of way clearance target date.
- As a fall back, if it becomes apparent that construction funds will not be available for the entire project in the 2005 FY, the design team will be splitting out a soundwall project. A small amount of money was added to this project from Caltrans' Soundwall Retrofit Program; and is available now. This could be used to minimally fund a soundwall project. The soundwalls south of Morrissey would be constructed.
- Partial PS&E (Design – Plans, Specifications, and Cost Estimate) has been submitted to our Contracts Unit for review, and preparation of the project's bid package. Outstanding issues with the Traffic Handling/Detour Plans, and Soundwall Aesthetics remain.

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