

TO: Regional Transportation Commission
FROM: Karena Pushnik, Senior Transportation Planner
RE: Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes Presentation

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for your information only.

BACKGROUND

Funding for the Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project was first designated in the 1988 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). Over the years the Regional Transportation Commission and Caltrans secured additional funds needed for the project from various sources including the region's share of current and future state funds, as well as the state's G-12 fund. In total approximately \$58 million in STIP funds and \$3.3 million in state soundwall funds have been allocated to environmental, design, right-of-way, and construction of the Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project since 1988.

Construction began on the project in early 2006. The project entails construction of merge lanes between Highway 17 and Morrissey/La Fonda, 5 bridges, soundwalls and retaining walls.

DISCUSSION

The Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project is approximately 45% complete. Construction is scheduled to be complete in 2009 and the landscaping contract will begin shortly thereafter.

Commissioners have requested more detailed information about the Interchange Merge Lanes Project. Caltrans Resident Engineer Siobhan Saunders will attend the Regional Transportation Commission meeting to present a slide show outlining the complex construction process for the project.

Attached is the monthly status report prepared by Caltrans ([Attachment 1](#)).

SUMMARY

Siobhan Saunders, Caltrans Resident Engineer for the Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes project, will provide a slide presentation on the project and address questions.

Attachment 1: Highway 1/17 Interchange Merge Lanes Status Report by Caltrans