



Project Environmental Phase Concludes Design Work Under Way

In June 2011, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) completed the environmental phase of the I-805 South Project, which will help improve traffic flow, alleviate congestion on the highway and provide new choices for travelers. The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the I-805 South Project was released in August 2010.

To best keep the public informed about this process and to encourage feedback, Caltrans and the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) held more than 30 public outreach meetings, two public hearings and received hundreds of public comments. Those comments were incorporated into the project's final environmental document.



In-line transit stations will be constructed in the center of the freeway, providing convenient access to the Express Lanes and reducing congestion by eliminating the need for buses to exit the highway.

With the completion of the environmental document, Caltrans will now begin to finalize the design and engineering for the I-805 South Project and move into the construction phase, with work scheduled to begin in early 2012.

The I-805 South Project will be constructed in two phases. The first phase includes building two Express Lanes, one in each direction, along an 11-mile segment stretching from East Palomar Street in Chula Vista to the

Project Benefits

The project includes the addition of buffer-separated Express Lanes within the I-805 median and several improvements to the freeway and transit system, including:

- A Direct Access Ramp (DAR) at East Palomar Street;
- In-Line Transit Stations on Plaza Boulevard and H Street;
- Park & Ride Stations near the In-Line Transit Stations; and
- More than 70 sound-mitigating walls, 100 retaining walls and 20 bridge improvements along the 11-mile route.

I-805/Interstate 15 interchange in San Diego. Phase one also includes the construction of a Direct Access Ramp (DAR) and a Transit Station and Park & Ride at East Palomar Street. The first phase of the project is expected to be completed in 2014.

The second phase of the I-805 South Project involves building two additional Express Lanes, two in each direction, for a total of four from East Palomar Street to the I-805/I-15 interchange. The second phase is scheduled to be completed in 2020. When finished, the I-805 South Project will create a modern, new transportation backbone that will meet the future needs of travelers in our region.

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New Freeway Walls to Reduce Traffic Noise

As part of mitigation efforts being implemented as a result of the I-805 South Project, more than 70 noise-mitigating walls have been proposed along the 11-mile route. The walls are designed to reduce freeway noise by at least five decibels, thereby significantly improving the quality of life for nearby residents and schools.

Over the past several months, Caltrans has reached out to residents in the I-805 South Project area where noise-mitigating walls have been proposed. Caltrans followed established guidelines to determine which locations are eligible for walls and is currently developing a design for the walls along the project route.

The Caltrans team will continue to update the community throughout the design and construction of the noise-mitigating walls and I-805 South Project.

In conjunction with this outreach, a public meeting was held on May 24 to solicit feedback from property owners and residents about a retaining wall that will be constructed

along Nacion Avenue between East Naples Street and East Palomar Street.

The retaining wall is needed to support the proposed improvements to I-805 South.

Additionally, a noise-mitigating wall has

been proposed on top of the retaining wall to help reduce freeway traffic noise for nearby residents.

The meeting at Palomar Elementary School in Chula Vista was well attended, with nearly two-dozen community members taking part.



I-805 South Project team members present plans for noise-mitigating walls proposed along Nacion Avenue.

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