

Major Milestone Achieved for the Genesee Interchange Project

Final Funding Secured for Construction to Begin Later This Year

The California Transportation Committee (CTC) voted earlier this week to approve \$8 million in funding for the construction of the Genesee Interchange Project, slated to break ground later this year. The CTC vote marks a major milestone for the project, allocating the final funding needed for the start of construction. The \$94 million project represents a unique partnership between Caltrans, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the City of San Diego and area businesses.

The project will bring much-needed help to alleviate current traffic and accommodate future demands in the job intensive community. It will widen the existing five-lane Genesee Avenue overpass to ten lanes and improve the existing freeway on-/off-ramps. A key element to the project includes the



Simulation of interchange improvements along Genesee Avenue, looking westerly.

addition of a vital bicycle and pedestrian route to transportation, employment centers, hospitals, UC San Diego and the Sorrento Valley Transit Center.

Key Features of the project that will improve mobility and enhance the community include:

- Replacing the existing overcrossing at Genesee Avenue with an improved bridge that accommodates additional vehicle lanes, sidewalks and bicycle routes;
- Constructing approximately three miles of bicycle paths in both directions from Roselle Street to Voigt Drive;
- Widening the freeway access ramps at Genesee Avenue and Sorrento Valley Road: and
- Widening Genesee Avenue in both directions adjacent to the freeway to provide new through and turn lanes.

Several highway, rail and transit projects are underway or planned in the Golden Triangle area by SANDAG and Caltrans. Along with the nearly completed I-805 High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/Carroll Canyon Road Extension Project, the planned Genesee Interchange Project will ease congestion in the Golden Triangle area for residents, commuters and visitors. Additionally, planned rail and transit projects in the area include double tracking the rail line in the Sorrento Valley area; expanding the SuperLoop Rapid Bus route in University City; and extending the San Diego Trolley from the Old Town Transit Center to UCSD and University City.

For more information on the Genesee Interchange Project or any of the aforementioned projects, please visit KeepSanDiegoMoving.com/NCC.

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