



FACT SHEET:

The Interstate 5 Corridor in Northern Los Angeles County

- The I-5 corridor is the lifeline for commerce and sustained economic growth and development in our region and our state.
- Every California business, every resident, every consumer, every traveler depends on the safety and efficiency of this road.
- The I-5 in northern Los Angeles County carries more than 200,000 vehicles every day, including more than 19,000 trucks. That is an astounding 73 million-plus vehicles a year, including at least 7 million trucks.
- The I-5 is near capacity today. In the meantime, Los Angeles County's population is projected to grow by 3 million people in the next 20 years.
- The fastest growing sub-region in Los Angeles County is Northern Los Angeles County, including the cities of Santa Clarita, Palmdale and Lancaster.
- Traffic is projected to increase by 65 percent over the next 10 years, and by 114 percent over the next 20 years.
- Airport passenger and cargo traffic in the Los Angeles County/southern Kern County region is expected to double in the next 20 years; seaport traffic is expected to triple.
- A proposal to help address congestion in the I-5 corridor was proposed by the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.
- Specific project alternatives, environmental and other studies to move the project forward have been proposed by Caltrans. A public /private partnership between Caltrans and the Golden State Gateway Coalition has been formed to complete the studies by the summer of 2008.
- The proposal would add northbound and southbound truck lanes and carpool (high occupancy vehicle) lanes to the I-5 corridor in northern Los Angeles County. This would greatly improve passenger and commercial vehicle mobility and safety in this busy and important corridor.
- Initial federal funding of \$1.6 million was authorized for the project in the national surface transportation authorization bill (SAFETEA-LU), passed in July 2005.
- The total project cost is to be determined, with estimates in the \$250 million range.
- The project is needed, is realistic and enjoys broad community support.
- These improvements to I-5, California's main north-south thoroughfare, would yield benefits far exceeding its costs: mitigating traffic congestion, improving roadway safety, adding jobs, fostering economic development, alleviating air pollution, expediting goods movement and accommodating defense and homeland security transportation needs.