

Thomas Roads Improvement Program

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City Council selects construction management firm for SR-178/Fairfax Interchange

The Bakersfield City Council awarded a \$2.9 million contract last night to Parsons Corporation for construction management and inspection services on the State Route (SR) 178/Fairfax Road Interchange Project.

The interchange will be the first project to start construction under the Thomas Roads Improvement Program (TRIP). Under the contract, Parsons will help the City manage the overall schedule, ensure conformance with plans and specifications, and assure the quality of materials used to build the project.

Parsons is one of the largest and top-ranked management, engineering, and construction companies in the United States, with more than 11,000 employees worldwide and revenues exceeding \$3.3 billion in 2006.

The SR-178 at Fairfax Road Interchange project has been designed to improve traffic circulation in Northeast Bakersfield. It includes constructing a new interchange at the current at-grade SR-178 and Fairfax Road intersection. Project plans also include widening Fairfax Road across SR-178, installing sound walls, and landscaping.

Construction is expected to begin in early October 2007 and take approximately two years to complete. The project is funded through TRIP (from the 2005 Federal Transportation Act – SAFETEA-LU), State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) and the City of Bakersfield traffic impact fees.

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