

## Thomas Roads Improvement Program

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### **State Route 178/Fairfax Road Interchange Construction Begins**

Construction of the Fairfax Road Interchange on State Route (SR) 178 gets underway Monday, October 15, 2007. The contractor, Security Paving Company, will begin setting temporary concrete safety barriers (K-rail) in the median and on the south side of SR-178 Monday night. The task requires temporary lane closures so the majority of work has been planned between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. to minimize traffic disruptions. This night-time work will continue through Wednesday, October 17. Motorists traveling through the area during this night-time work period should anticipate traffic delays of up to 10 minutes.

The \$29 million construction project is a cooperative effort between the City of Bakersfield and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). It is also the first of several freeway projects planned under the Thomas Roads Improvement Program (TRIP).

The project includes constructing an interchange at the current at-grade SR-178 and Fairfax Road intersection, building sound walls and installing landscaping. Completion is anticipated in summer 2009. Funding sources include Federal highway funds, State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds, and the City of Bakersfield traffic impact fees.

For additional information, please visit the TRIP website at [www.bakersfieldfreeways.us](http://www.bakersfieldfreeways.us) or contact Janet Wheeler at (661) 326-3491.

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