

# Thomas Roads Improvement Program

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## Public Information Meeting Scheduled for Centennial Corridor

The Thomas Roads Improvement Program (TRIP) invites the public to attend a Public Information Meeting for the Centennial Corridor project on March 4, 2008. The meeting will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kern County Administration Building, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield.

The purpose of the proposed Centennial Corridor project is to connect SR-58 to I-5, via the Westside Parkway. (*The Westside Parkway, scheduled to begin construction in 2008/09, will extend west from Truxtun Avenue to Stockdale Highway.*) Various alternative alignments are under consideration including those to the east of SR-99, to the west of SR-99, and parallel to SR-99, as well as a no-build alternative.

The public may stop by anytime within the four-hour period to view the displays, ask questions, and comment on the conceptual alternatives proposed to be studied during the environmental process. TRIP will have staff available to answer questions regarding engineering, environmental, right-of-way and project management. A court reporter will be available to take verbal comments or written comments may be submitted either at the meeting or a later date.

TRIP is a cooperative effort between the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), County of Kern, City of Bakersfield, and Kern Council of Governments. These agencies are committed to finding and implementing solutions that meet the region's long-term transportation needs. Centennial Corridor is an integral component in the overall goal of improving east west connectivity in the Bakersfield area.

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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