

Thomas Roads Improvement Program

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Media Tour

SR 178/Fairfax Road Interchange Project

The Thomas Roads Improvement Program (TRIP) invites the media to the State Route (SR) 178/Fairfax Road Interchange for a project tour and update on July 29, 2008.

Security Paving Company is planning a concrete pour for the bridge's north abutment beginning at 6 a.m. This, along with other work occurring concurrently on the project, should provide good visuals. The south abutment is in place and offers a good perspective of what the finished structure will look like. The completion of the north abutment prepares the project for the next phase, which is to construct the bridge over the new freeway.

The City of Bakersfield's resident engineer for the project will be on hand to provide detailed information and to answer your questions. Talking points include:

- ? Completion of the retaining wall and eastbound ramps;
- ? Excavation of 325,000 cubic meters of earth to sub-grade elevation – approximately 16 feet below the original grade;
- ? Recycling the old road for aggregate base; and
- ? What's coming next.

Media participants should arrive at the Project Construction office, Auburn Street and La Salle Court, by 5:45 a.m.

Please provide the names of all persons who will attend by noon on July 28. All visitors must sign a release form before entering the project area. Visitors are also required to wear sturdy shoes, vests, and hard hats. Vests and hard hats will be supplied by TRIP.

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