

## Thomas Roads Improvement Program

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### Groundbreaking ceremony held for Westside Parkway Phase 2

The City of Bakersfield held a groundbreaking ceremony today to construct the second phase of the Westside Parkway.

This phase of construction will extend from Mohawk Street to Allen Road and includes 4.25 miles of new roadway. Construction will also include interchanges at Coffee Road and Calloway Drive; bridges over the Friant-Kern Canal and Jewetta Avenue; and a new intersection at Allen Road.

Ultimately, the Westside Parkway will be an approximately eight-mile transportation facility, extending from Truxtun Avenue near State Route 99 to Heath Road at Stockdale Highway. The Parkway will provide a new high-capacity, east-west corridor that will reduce congestion and improve connectivity in west Bakersfield. The Westside Parkway also includes the Mohawk Street Extension (Phase 1), which began construction earlier this year.

Funding for the approximately \$76.5 million construction project was made possible by a Proposition 1B allocation through the State Transportation Improvement Program.

Westside Parkway Phase 2 was designed by AECOM and will be constructed by Security Paving Company. Nolte Associates Inc. will provide construction management services. Completion is anticipated in summer 2012.

Today's groundbreaking celebration was made possible through financial contributions from AECOM, Nolte Associates Inc., and Security Paving Company.

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