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City of Bakersfield awards contract for Westside Parkway Truxtun Tie-in

The Bakersfield City Council has awarded a \$22.17 million contract to Security Paving Company of Sun Valley, California for the construction of the Westside Parkway Truxtun Tie-in, which will complete the eastern end of the new eight-mile freeway project. Construction is currently underway on the project's first two phases – the Mohawk Street Extension and the 4.25 miles of Parkway between Mohawk Street and Allen Road.

The Truxtun Tie-in extends four lanes of freeway from the Westside Parkway/Mohawk Street Interchange to Truxtun Avenue, a distance of approximately one-half mile. The project includes the construction of two bridge structures over the Kern River and one over Truxtun Avenue.

The City awarded a \$27.7 million construction contract in November 2008 for Phase 1 (Mohawk Street Extension). The Mohawk Street extension is anticipated to open in spring 2011, nearly a year ahead of schedule. In June 2009, the City awarded a \$76.6 million construction contract for Phase 2, which includes 4.25 miles of freeway between Mohawk Street and Allen Road with interchanges at Mohawk Street, Coffee Road, and Calloway Drive. Phase 2 construction remains on schedule, with completion anticipated in late 2012. Completion of the Truxtun Tie-in is expected to coincide with the completion of Westside Parkway Phase 2. Including the Truxtun Tie-in contract, the City of Bakersfield has awarded a total of nearly \$126.5 million towards Westside Parkway construction.

Funding for the Truxtun Tie-in project, as well as Westside Parkway Phases 1 and 2, is through the State Transportation Improvement Program.

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