



24th Street Improvement Project

Background

The project will make improvements that reduce congestion and improve traffic flow on the 24th Street (SR 178) corridor through the Westchester neighborhood and Downtown Bakersfield. The study area includes the Oak Street at 24th Street intersection and 24th Street from SR 99 to just east of M Street.

History

Over the years, 24th Street has changed from a two lane facility with minimal traffic to a major cross-town arterial. Several proposals have been made to improve the corridor and meetings and workshops have been held to encourage public participation. In 2004, the City of Bakersfield acquired property at Oak and 24th street for future improvements to the intersection. In May 2005, the City completed a Project Study Report and partial funding for the project was included in the 2005 transportation act (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users).

The project is currently undergoing preliminary engineering and environmental review.