



Westside Parkway

Background

The Westside Parkway is a new east-west freeway extending from Truxtun Avenue near SR 99 to Stockdale Highway near Heath Road. The project will reduce congestion on east-west arterials and improve the connectivity of Bakersfield's existing transportation system.

In August 2008, the California Transportation Commission voted to allocate \$133.2 million to construct the project's initial phases. The first segment of the mainline extends from Mohawk Street to Coffee Road and includes four bridge structures.

History

The Westside Parkway follows a route similar to a project previously proposed by Caltrans called the Kern River Freeway Project. This project extended from SR 99 west to Interstate 5. Caltrans' Tier 1 Environmental document allowed the City to acquire right-of-way for the Westside Parkway and provided a base from which to develop the construction-level Environmental Document. The City hired URS Corporation in September 2002 to prepare the Tier 2 EA/EIR for a phase of the Caltrans Tier 1 project, which would become the Westside Parkway. The document was approved in January 2007.

The Westside Parkway mainline was designed by AECOM.