



An West-East Connector

The population of northern Stanislaus County has grown dramatically in recent years. As a result, traffic congestion has increased, and is expected to continue. The Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) forecasts that the population of Stanislaus County will grow to approximately 823,000 residents by the year 2025. StanCOG also estimates that the vehicle miles traveled in the Stanislaus region will increase by almost 70 percent. The North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority was formed to study and propose possible roadway improvements to meet the expected growth.



What is the North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority?

The North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority Board has five members. Stanislaus County appoints two Directors, and the Cities of Modesto, Riverbank, and Oakdale each appoint one director. Also integral to the Authority are two ex-officio members: the StanCOG Executive Director and the Caltrans District 10 Director. The Stanislaus County Public Works Director is the Authority Manager. The Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at the County/City Training Room located in the basement at 1010 10th Street, Modesto, CA 95354 at 4:30 p.m.

A North County Corridor Transportation Expressway Authority Technical Advisory Committee is made up of five agency staff members representing Stanislaus County, StanCOG, City of Modesto, City of Oakdale and City of Riverbank. The Technical Advisory Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at the County Public Works Conference Room at 1:00 p.m. at 1010 10th Street, Suite 3500, Modesto, CA 95354.

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Get Involved

How Can You Help?

Get involved. Give us your comments and suggestions on what the North County Corridor should look like, where it should be located, and other project elements.

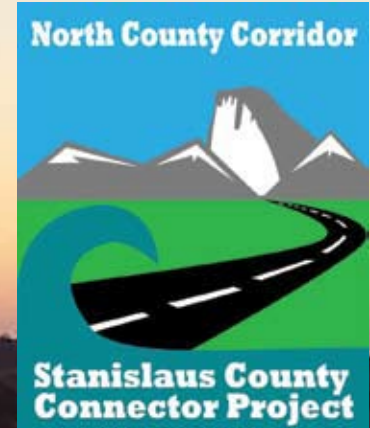
Here is how you can become involved:

- Come to a public meeting.
- Attend a Technical Advisory Committee meeting.
- Attend an NCC Transportation Expressway Authority meeting.
- Call the Hotline toll-free (877) 464-4350.
- Send e-mail to Hotline@buethcommunications.com.
- Write to Public Outreach Coordinator, P.O. Box 773, Stockton, CA 95201-0773.
- Visit www.northcountycorridor.org

Or, feel free to contact:

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Your suggestions and comments will be acknowledged and shared with the project team.



**High-Capacity
High-Speed
West-East Roadway**

**Will:
Meet Future Traffic Needs
Improve Safety
Alleviate Traffic on Parallel Roadways
Accommodate Multi-Modal Travel
Provide Regional Connectivity
Provide for Economic Growth**

What Has Been Done So Far?



Two studies have been completed. The first—the North County Corridor Feasibility Study (Feasibility Study)—was completed in January 2008. This study described and analyzed existing conditions and potential route alignments for the North County Corridor, as well as anticipated constraints and likely environmental issues associated with potential alignments.

The second study—the North County Corridor Preliminary Design Report (PDR)—was completed in April 2008. The PDR further defined the conceptual alternatives along the two major alignments proposed in the Feasibility Study.

New studies of the potential environmental impacts associated with adoption of a preferred route corridor alternative are underway.

What Is Being Considered?

The primary purpose of the North County Corridor project is to provide a high-capacity, high-speed west-east roadway that will

- meet future traffic needs,
- improve safety in the north county area,
- alleviate traffic on parallel roadways,
- accommodate multi-modal travel,
- provide interregional connectivity, and
- provide for economic growth.

The Authority anticipates that the ultimate roadway type will be a four-to-eight lane expressway with interchanges, at-grade intersections, grade-separated railroad crossings, irrigation district crossings, frontage roads and street realignments. Given the funding constraints, the corridor will likely be constructed in phases.



The route for a North County Corridor roadway alignment lies entirely within unincorporated portions of Stanislaus County. The alignment would extend approximately 25 miles from a location on State Route 99 in the vicinity of the Salida community, to a location on State Route 120 east of the City of Oakdale. The project study area boundaries are generally defined by the Stanislaus River on the north and the northern boundary of the City of Modesto on the south. The proposed alignment may be an entirely new roadway or may be integrated into the existing local road network.

The roadway would carry between 14,000 and 76,000 vehicles in average daily traffic, depending on location along the alignment.

Designation of the North County Corridor roadway as a State Route is the first step in developing the proposed project.

How Will This Be Paid For?



Funding for this phase of the project is being provided by the California Transportation Commission along with the regional transportation impact fees. The Authority is also asking for State funding that was once part of the now-defunct Oakdale Bypass project. The North County Corridor Project is on the proposed Measure S Sales Tax Program.

When Will This Project Be Completed?

Environmental and technical design studies that are necessary will include a robust public involvement program throughout the course of the project. The California Transportation Commission is expected to adopt the route as a State Route early in 2010. State approval for the Environmental Impact Report for the entire route is estimated to be complete in 2012. The construction schedule is contingent on funding availability. The project could be completed by the year 2030.

