

Route I-5/Route I-405

High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Direct Connectors

> **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Construct Direct HOV lane connectors from northbound I-405 to northbound I-5 and from southbound I-5 to southbound I-405. In the absence of the HOV direct connectors, carpoolers must merge into the mixed-flow lanes ahead of the interchange to transition from one freeway to the other. This worsens the mainline mixed-flow lane operation and counters the mobility efficiency of the HOV lanes. Proposed direct connectors would eliminate this problem by maintaining continuous separation of carpool lanes from mixed-flow lanes through the interchange resulting in operational improvement and enhanced safety.

> **STATUS:**

The project is in Project Study Report (PSR) development stage as of December 2002.

> **ESTIMATED COST:**

Over \$200 Million. If the PSR is completed in time for the MTA's 2003 Call for Projects, Caltrans will request \$47 million in the upcoming MTA Call for Projects for project approval document, environmental document, and design.

> **CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT:**

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