

High Desert Corridor Project



The High Desert Corridor (HDC) will accommodate an expected three to six fold increase in traffic between the Antelope and Victor Valleys. It will provide a new level of intra-valley accessibility and carry truck and other through traffic safely around existing communities.

Project Description

The HDC will construct a new east-west freeway/expressway and possible toll facility between Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. The study area extends from SR-14 (in Los Angeles County) to SR-18 (in San Bernardino County).

Caltrans will serve as the lead agency for the environmental clearance. Additionally, in October 2009, the Board approved the HDC as one of the six high potential projects for Public Private Partnership (PPP) delivery method.

Project Status

Metro is working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDCJPA), the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), the State of California represented by the Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the County of Los Angeles and the County of San Bernardino represented by their respective Departments of Public Works, and the Cities of Lancaster, Palmdale, Victorville, Adelanto and the town of Apple Valley for the environmental clearance of the HDC.

A series of four public outreach meetings are scheduled throughout the project limits for April 11-14, 2011. The purpose of the outreach meetings is to convey what was learned from the September 2010 scoping meetings and discuss the next steps for the HDC.

Project Schedule

PHASE	COMPLETION
Complete Environmental Analysis Phase	2013
Complete Construction	2020

Project Funding

On July 2009, Metro Board approved \$500,000 for the HDCJPA to support the agency's efforts. Measure R provided \$33 million for environmental clearance. The City of Victorville received an \$800,000 federal earmark which is transferred to the HDCJPA for the project. These funds will be used for the environmental clearance.