

# SR 132

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ? If the project team is moving the water lines, why can't they move the sewer lines?

The sewer line at Mercy is a 54-inch diameter. A relocation of this line would require moving the line deeper and the installation of a pumping lift station. This could add another \$15M to the project cost. The water line is small and can be located within the bridge.

## ? Is Mercy Avenue going to be a dead end?

Mercy Avenue presently stops at Kansas Avenue. This will remain the same after construction of the SR132 Project.

## ? Are our taxes going to go up for this project?

This construction project is funded via multiple sources. These sources include several state and federal grants as well as Measure L funding. Measure L is the county-wide, 1/2 cent sales tax that was passed by voters in 2016. There are no new taxes required to support the project construction.

## ? How long will it take to build?

About 2 years.

## ? Why is the sound wall not being considered? What is needed to have the sound wall?

Soundwalls were considered during the environmental phase of the project. Walls that were determined reasonable and feasible were approved for design and construction. Soundwalls along the north side of Kansas Avenue were evaluated but the benefits did not meet State and Federal thresholds for incorporating them into this project. Soundwall evaluations on the south side of the alignment met the State and Federal requirements for providing a reasonable and feasible benefit to the residents. For more information, see the **Noise Study Report dated January, 2016** and the **Noise Abatement Decision Report dated May, 2016**.

## ? Does the work / closing-of Rosemore Avenue coincide with the work / closing-of Carpenter Road? Will this create more traffic issues during construction?

Rosemore Avenue will be closed south of Kansas Avenue for about a year and a half. Carpenter Road will remain open throughout the project, except for brief closures at night and on weekends for the construction of a bypass road. Traffic congestion is a normal part of construction however, we will work to mitigate congestion as much as possible.

## ? What roads will be closed on Kansas and Rosemore and East Emerald Avenue?

Rosemore will be closed at Kansas Avenue for about a year and a half. Emerald Avenue will be closed for a few nights or weekends to construct temporary supports for the bridge.

## ? How are speed limits going to be enforced on the detour streets?

Modesto Police Department and Stanislaus County Sheriff will enforce speed limits.

## ? What work will be completed on South Dakota Avenue?

A new paved 16-foot-wide road will be constructed south from Maze Boulevard. This road will run south, 232.01 feet from the centerline of Maze Boulevard. This phase will include a signal for traffic exiting from South Dakota Avenue.

## ? What kind of barrier protection will be between Kansas Avenue and SR 132? There are safety concerns regarding Kansas Avenue and SR 132 as a 4-lane/4-way with no barrier.

East of Mercy Avenue, Kansas Avenue is grade separated from SR132 West Freeway. From Mercy to Dakota, there will be a ditch and a 6-foot high chain link fence. The new roadway design meets highway safety standards for State Highways and was reviewed by the State traffic safety group prior to design approval.

## ? What happens to the businesses on Kansas Avenue during construction?

Businesses that are in conflict with project construction have been relocated.

## ? How are we going to alleviate commuters that speed from exiting SR132 at Gates Hart? Will there be traffic calming measures implemented?

Project construction stops and starts at the Maze Boulevard/Dakota Avenue intersection. There should be minimal diversion of traffic at Hart and Gates roads as a result of construction since through traffic will proceed east and west on Maze Boulevard past Dakota Avenue as they are presently using this road.