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Construction on State Route 180 in Fresno Kicks Off with Shoulder Improvement Work

FRESNO, Calif. – Construction crews are now working on State Route 180 (SR 180) between G and H streets near downtown Fresno as part of the Fresno Trench and SR 180 passageway projects. Shoulder improvements are currently underway and will be made over a period of two months. This work will impact traffic between the hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. The Fresno Trench is a more than two-mile long, 40-foot deep trench that will allow high-speed trains to pass under SR 180 and other existing structures. This is the first underground construction being done as part of the high-speed rail system.

Below are the anticipated impacts to SR 180 due to construction of the Fresno Trench:

The initial work (Stage 0) began in August and involves shoulder improvements along SR 180 between G and H streets. The work requires eastbound lane and shoulder closures, along with periodic closures of the southbound and northbound State Route 99 connectors. Shoulder improvement work will be performed between 8:00 p.m. – 5:00 a.m. and will continue for approximately two months.¹



Stage 1 work will require lane shifts on SR 180 westbound and eastbound lanes for excavation activities over a period of approximately 18 months. Traffic controls will be in place for all ensuing stages of work. Drivers are requested to follow lane closure signage and may experience slight delays.



Click the images above for a video detailing the construction and traffic impacts

In February 2016, construction crews began work at the Fresno Trench near Thorne and H streets with the excavation of dirt needed to construct the foundations. When completed, the trench will start between Olive and Belmont Avenues and run approximately two miles to Stanislaus Street in Fresno. Constructing the rail line underground eliminates the need for high-speed trains to cross roads and highways, providing a much safer mode of travel. In total, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) will eliminate 20 at-grade crossings between Madera and Fresno.

The Authority, in collaboration with Tutor-Perini/Zachary/Parsons (TPZP), is currently working at seven active construction sites within Construction Package 1 (CP 1)– the first 32-mile stretch of high-speed rail between Avenue 19 in Madera County to East American Avenue in Fresno County.

1 - This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information please visit <http://www.BuildHSR.com> or <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov>.

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