

Start of Construction on Genesee Avenue/I-5 Interchange Project Moved to Spring 2014

Project's Design and Construction Phasing to be Revised in Coming Months

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) are working to improve the Genesee Avenue/Interstate 5 (I-5) Interchange in the near future. Construction of the interchange, which was originally slated to begin in late 2013 has been postponed to mid-2014 due to higher than expected construction bids. Caltrans is talking to contractors to better understand the effect of the complexities of the site on the bids, such as the intersection's high traffic volumes, the coordination with the four nearby hospitals, and the neighboring campus of UCSD.

Caltrans is currently reevaluating the scope of the project in order to develop a phased construction approach to match available funding, with the goal to award a new construction contract by spring or summer of 2014.

More about the Project

The Genesee Avenue/Interstate 5 (I-5) Interchange Project will improve traffic flow and reduce congestion on Genesee Avenue and at its interchange through the replacement of the existing overpass and the widening of freeway access ramps. Additional project features include new bicycle/pedestrian paths to improve access to UCSD and other area destinations. Construction is anticipated to occur over a period of two to three years. Some single lane closures are anticipated, but the bridge is expected to remain open and operational throughout construction.

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