

# South Fresno SR 99 Corridor Project

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## **Introduction**

**State Route 99 holds multiple Federal and State “high-emphasis” designations:**

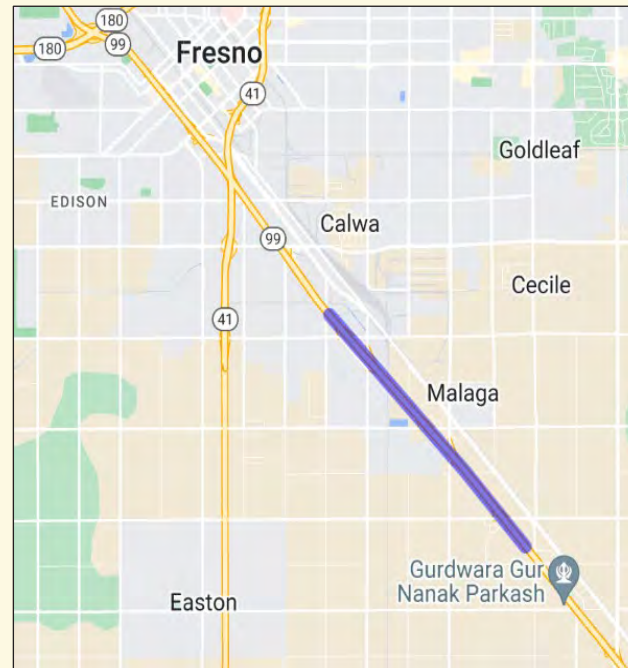
- **State High-Emphasis Focus Route on the Interregional Road System Transportation Gateway of Major Statewide Significance, and a “Priority Global Gateway” for Goods Movement in the Global Gateways Development Program.**
- **On National Highway System as a STRAHNET route and is on the National Network for STAA trucks.**
- **Included on the National Highway Freight Network.**
- **Intermodal Corridor of Economic Significance (ICES).**



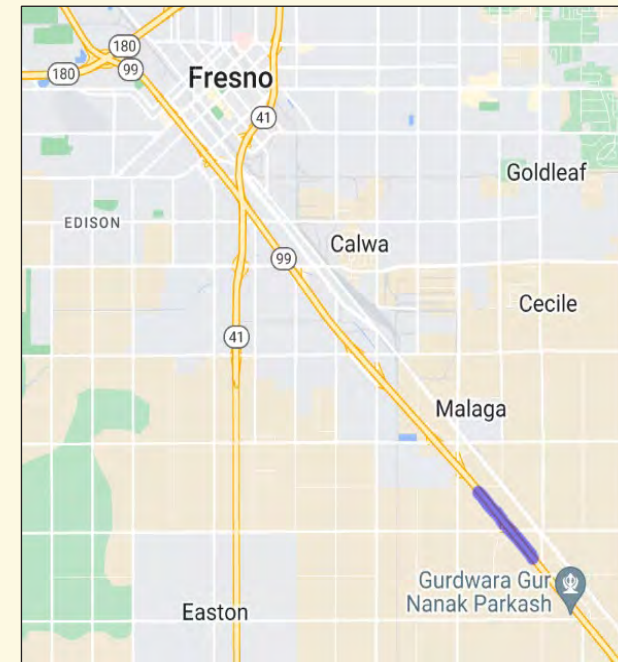
# 3 Proposal

**Reconstruct two outdated interchanges approximately two miles apart, at North/Cedar Avenues in the City of Fresno and American Avenue in unincorporated Fresno County**

**North/Cedar Avenue**



**American Avenue**





# North/Cedar Interchange

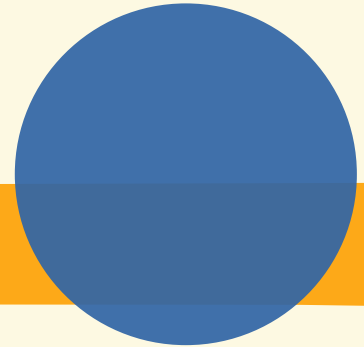
**Eliminate the existing ramps at Cedar Avenue; reconfigure North Avenue to provide all four ramps at one location.**

Project Phase	Begin	End
Environmental Clearance	July 2018	January 2023
Project Design	February 2023	June 2026 (RTL)
Right of Way	February 2023	May 2026 (RW Cert)
Ready to List *	-	June 2026
Project Construction	December 2026	December 2029



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# American Avenue Interchange

Project Phase	Begin	End
Environmental Clearance	July 2018	January 2023
Project Design	February 2023	August 2025 (RTL)
Right of Way	February 2023	July 2025 (RW Cert)
Ready to List *	-	August 2025
Project Construction	February 2026	June 2028

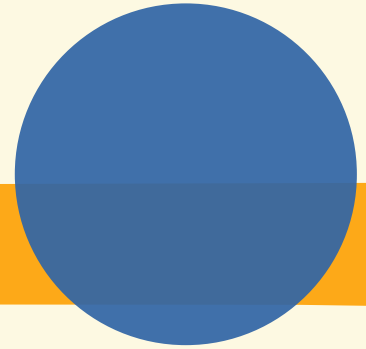
**Add two ramps to the north side of American Avenue to provide all four ramps at a single location.**





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# American Avenue Interchange





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# American Avenue Design







## **Project Need**

- **The nearly 60-year-old split interchanges no longer operate efficiently due to geometric configurations.**
- **Incomplete interchanges result in higher probability of wrong-way traffic movements and out-of-direction travel.**
- **Accident rates higher than statewide average for similar facilities due to congestion.**
- **Isolated ramps are a non-standard condition and typically not allowed on State freeways.**
- **Overcrossing bridge at North Avenue has low vertical clearance resulting in damaged soffits from oversized loads passing under the structure.**





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## **Project Benefits**

- **Improves safety**
- **Improves regional freight movement.**
- **Reduces traffic congestion and traffic queueing onto mainline SR 99.**
- **Brings the interchanges up to current design standards in both geometric configuration and vertical clearance of the overcrossings**
- **Incorporates complete street elements that benefit pedestrian and bicycle mobility, such as wider shoulders and new sidewalks.**





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# **Public Engagement**

## **Scoping Meeting**

- **March 29, 2019 – Malaga Community Center**

## **Draft Environmental Document**

- **Nov. 4, 2021 – Virtual Public Hearing/Open House**
- **Dec. 14, 2021 – South-Central Fresno Community Steering Comm. Meeting**
- **April 26, 2022 & Aug. 31 2022 – Friends of Calwa Community Meetings**

## **Partnership Support**

**Caltrans, the City and County of Fresno, Fresno COG, Fresno Economic Development Corp., Fresno County Transportation Authority, California Trucking Association, Eslinger Biodiesel, Ulta Beauty, Valley Wide Beverage**



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## **Schedule/Programming Request**

- **January 2023 – Environmental clearance received**
- **December 2024 – City of Fresno approves Freeway Service Agreement for North/Cedar interchange**
- **Design and right-of-way acquisition ongoing**
- **\$45.3 million in STIP funding already programmed on North/Cedar**
- **No funding changes requested for North/Cedar; recent cost increase covered by local Measure C dollars**
- **RTL and project advertising delayed one year for North/Cedar**
- **Requesting \$42.35 million in STIP funding to be programmed onto American Avenue.**



# **Thank you**

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