

Union Pacific (Fresno Subdivision) Ceres to Turlock Double-Tracking Project



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Project Overview

What is the Union Pacific (Fresno Subdivision) Ceres to Turlock Double-Tracking Project?

The project will construct a new, second mainline track along an approximately 10-mile portion of the Union Pacific Railroad (UP) Fresno Subdivision, modification of an undercrossing at SR 99, improvements to 11 at-grade crossings, and extension of 2 culverts. It will increase freight efficiency, capacity, safety, reliability and facilitate a mode shift from road to freight rail. Double-tracking between Ceres and Turlock will also reduce delay for freight trains, and associated air pollutant and noise emissions from trains idling in sidings. When constructed, it will result in significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, keeping with the state of California's climate action goals.

This project also provides the opportunity for future extension of the Altamont Corridor Express (ACE) passenger rail service southward to the city of Turlock, which would result in substantial traveler mode shift from personal vehicles to rail.

What has been completed to date?

SJRRRC completed the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) environmental review for the improvements in December 2021.

Who is the Lead Agency?

The San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission (SJRRRC) is the project sponsor and will serve as the grantee. SJRRRC will be responsible for project delivery and ensure coordination amongst stakeholders - most notably, UP, Caltrans and SJRRRC are jointly sponsoring this application. Caltrans is the submitting agency.



Funding

SJRRRC submitted an application on May 23, 2022 for a 2022 USDOT MPDG grant for the improvements needed to fund a portion of the UP Ceres to Turlock Double-Tracking Project. The State would provide 50% of the total project cost as matching funding. This TCEP grant award would provide \$40M of that match.

Federal Funding Request:	\$ 66.7M
State Match Funding	
TIRCP (A portion of \$57M awarded July 2022):	\$ 26.7M
TCEP:	\$ 40.0M
Total Project Cost (Year of Expenditure):	\$133.4M

Project Location

The project is in Stanislaus County, California and is in the approximate center of the State of California. The project site stretches between the cities of Ceres and Turlock. The cities are situated in the California Central Valley between the Sierra Nevada Mountain Range and the Southern Coast Mountain Range.

