

Veterans Boulevard

A Regionally Significant Interchange, Extension and Grade Separation Project

Project Scope

The Veterans Boulevard Interchange, Extension and Grade Separation Project (Veterans Boulevard) project is located on State Route 99 (SR-99) in central California. The Veterans Boulevard project includes: a six-lane arterial roadway in northwest Fresno, a freeway interchange at SR-99; grade separations over the Union Pacific Railroad, High-Speed Rail line and Golden State Boulevard, and; a pedestrian trail and adaptive intelligent transportation system technology to synchronize traffic operations in real-time.

The project includes seven phases. Phase 4b will be funded in part by the Local Partnership Program and includes the northern stretch of roadway extensions from Wathen Avenue to Herndon Avenue; modifications to Hayes Avenue between Herndon Avenue and Veterans Boulevard, and; improvements to access between Veterans Boulevard and Herndon Avenue.



Figure 1- Map of Veterans Boulevard Interchange, Phase 4b

Cost

The total construction cost for Veterans Boulevard Phase 4b is \$7,377,437. Phase 4b is part of a larger project, with construction costs totaling \$108,995,077.

Schedule

Phase 4b is scheduled to begin construction in January 2021, with completion expected by February 2023.

Benefits (outputs/outcomes)

Veterans Boulevard Phase 4b is expected to generate 73.7 full time equivalent jobs and enhance quality of life for residents of northwest Fresno by providing connections to SR-99. The Veterans Boulevard project (all phases) is expected to result in safety impacts due to grade separation, a reduction in roadway conflict, and dedicated pedestrian and bicyclist facilities. Safety benefits are valued at \$11.4 million per year. Veterans Boulevard will also result in travel time savings valued at \$2 million per year, due to reduced congestion and delay. Emissions are expected to be reduced by 813 tons over the life of the project.