



DIAMOND SPRINGS PARKWAY

Project Fact Sheet



Project Overview

Diamond Springs Parkway is part of the Transportation and Circulation Element of the County's General Plan consisting of a future four-lane divided roadway connecting Missouri Flat Road to State Route 49 (SR-49). The project includes realignment and widening of SR-49 between Pleasant Valley Road and Bradley Drive.

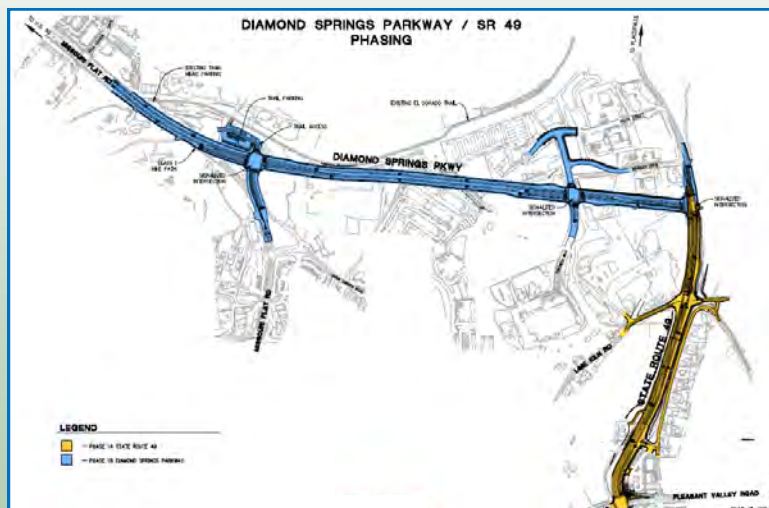
Purpose and Need

The primary purpose of this project is to improve traffic safety and operations on SR-49 and Missouri Flat Road in the vicinity of Diamond Springs. The existing corridor suffers from a higher than average number of traffic delays and traffic accidents. The project will provide a parallel connection from SR-49 to US-50 between Missouri Flat Road and Diamond Road. These improvements will relieve traffic congestion and provide an acceptable level of service through the historic town of Diamond Springs consistent with the County's General Plan. The new connector is estimated to reduce the commuter traffic through the historic town of Diamond Springs to 55% of the current traffic volumes [Average Daily Traffic (ADT) reduction from 18,500 to 10,000]. This project is also anticipated to improve pedestrian safety, access to existing businesses and reduce vibration and noise through the Diamond Springs historic district. Aesthetic improvements to the area include the undergrounding of existing overhead utilities, vintage style street light fixtures, and a sierra drystack stone surface treatment on retaining walls.

Project to be Completed in Two Phases

Phase 1B connects to the SR-49 prior improvements constructed in Phase 1A to create a continuous 4-lane roadway corridor with multimodal features from the intersection at Fowler Lane/SR-49 all the way to US-50.

Phase 1A realigns SR-49 from Pleasant Valley Road to north of Lime Kiln Road, with construction of four, 12-ft lanes with 8-ft shoulders, including a frontage road for existing residential driveways. This phase also includes a sidewalk along SR-49, transit bus turnouts, signal modifications at Pleasant Valley Road/SR-49, and left turn lanes at the Lime Kiln/Black Rice intersection.



Phase 1B constructs a 4-lane roadway from a new Missouri Flat Road intersection south of Golden Center Drive to a new intersection at SR-49 south of Bradley Drive. Multimodal features of Phase 1B include Class II bike lanes, sidewalk and transit bus turnouts on both sides of the Parkway. This phase also includes new traffic signals at the intersections of Missouri Flat Road, Throwita Way and SR-49.