EMPIRE PROJECT | MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD TO BUENA VISTA STREET



Project Overview

The Empire Project is a series of improvements to the Golden State Freeway (I-5) in the city of Burbank between Magnolia Boulevard and Buena Vista Street. The project will improve traffic circulation on I-5 by adding 2.2 miles of carpool lanes in each direction, construct a new interchange and undercrossing at I-5 and Empire Avenue, and reconstruct the Burbank Boulevard overcrossing and realign ramps. The project will also elevate the railroad tracks near Empire Avenue and at Buena Vista Street and San Fernando Boulevard, and improve the intersection at San Fernando Boulevard, Victory Place, and Lincoln Street.



Project Benefits

- Improving traffic flow along the I-5 corridor
- Improving traffic circulation on city streets
- Providing easier access to Bob Hope Airport and shopping centers
- Enhancing air quality
- Encouraging carpooling
- Enhancing safety
- Revitalizing our I-5 community

Construction Schedule

START DATE: Mid-2014 COMPLETION: 2019 COST: \$355 million



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VENTURA FREEWAY (SR-134) TO MAGNOLIA BOULEVARD



Project Overview

The Golden State Freeway (I-5) is being widened to add 2.7 miles of carpool lanes in each direction between the Ventura Freeway (SR-134) and Magnolia Boulevard in the cities of Burbank and Glendale

Freeway improvements include widening bridges, constructing new on- and off-ramps at the southbound Western Avenue interchange, enhancing soundwalls and upgrading the storm water drainage system. To enhance public safety, a pedestrian walkway will be constructed near Verdugo Avenue.



Project Benefits

- Improving traffic circulation along the I-5 corridor
- Encouraging carpooling
- Enhancing air quality
- Reducing freeway noise in adjacent neighborhoods
- Enhancing safety
- Revitalizing our I-5 community

Construction Schedule

START DATE: 2011 COMPLETION: 2017 COST: \$116 million









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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7, serving Los Angeles and Ventura counties, is Investing more than three billion dollars in improvements to the I-5 corridor.

Project Highlights

- Carpool Lanes
- Carpool Connectors
- Interchange Improvements
- Pavement Replacement
- Grade Separations
- Pedestrian Overcrossings