

### GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY KICKS OFF CONSTRUCTION OF CAMPUS PARKWAY

On July 26, 2018, local officials along side representatives from Merced County, Merced City, the Merced County Association of Governments, Caltrans and UC Merced celebrated the groundbreaking ceremony of Campus Parkway Segment II at the intersection of Campus Parkway and East Childs Avenue.

The Campus Parkway Corridor is part of our regional plan to improve traffic circulation between Highway 99 and the UC Merced campus. Thanks to the leadership of Senator Anthony Cannella and Assembly Member Adam Gray, the Campus Parkway project received \$100 million for construction under Senate Bill 132 which lawmakers passed in April of 2017.

The \$30 million Segment II will extend the four-lane expressway from East Childs Avenue to ¼ mile past Highway 140. The new segment will include a traffic signal at Campus Parkway and East Childs Avenue, a concrete structure crossing the BNSF railroad tracks and Highway 140, and a traffic signal at the intersection of Highway 140 complete with a connector road. Construction is expected to be complete by 2021.

The overall Campus Parkway Corridor project consists of a four-lane divided roadway extending 4.5 miles from Mission Avenue to Yosemite Avenue. Segment I from Mission Avenue to East Childs Avenue was completed in 2009. Work on the remaining portion of the project (Segment III) is anticipated to begin next year. The final segment is the largest portion of the project and will extend the expressway to Yosemite Avenue. The entire Campus Parkway Corridor project is anticipated to be complete by June 2023 at a total cost of \$100 million.



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### THE BUS TO CONTINUE FREE SERVICE DURING SPARE THE AIR MONTH IN AUGUST

The Bus invites members of the community to keep the fare and spare the air! For all of August, The Bus will celebrate Spare the Air month by providing free fixed route service countywide. The festivities will begin Wednesday, August 1, 2018 with a FREE community event at the City of Merced Transportation and Welcome Center on 16th Street. Transit staff will be on hand from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm with information on routes and schedules, with special giveaways from HOT 104.7 and Radio Lobo from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm.

“If you have never tried The Bus, we encourage you to come out to the event to learn about the system and how it can help you get around town,” said Artis Smith, Transit Director. “This event is an opportunity to celebrate our riders and to help do our part in improving our community’s air quality.”

This month-long free service is part of the Free Fare Summer Program which was made possible through funding from the Low Carbon Transit Operations Program (LCTOP). LCTOP is provided to transit agencies to improve mobility and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Bus schedules and hours of operation can be found at [www.mercedthebus.com](http://www.mercedthebus.com) or by calling The Bus at (209)723-3100. Real-time information regarding bus locations, services and arrival times can be found at [www.thebuslive.com](http://www.thebuslive.com).





# All Fixed Routes FREE in August

## Keep the Fare and Spare the Air!

Call 209-723-3100 or visit [mercedthebus.com](http://mercedthebus.com) for more information.

### AUGUST MEETINGS & EVENTS:

- 08/01—8/31** Free Fixed Route Service, Countywide
- 08/03** Citizens Advisory Committee meeting, MCAG
- 08/04** 11th Annual FREE Summer Family Health Festival, Castle Health Centers, Atwater 9 am—2 pm
- 08/08** Technical Review Board meeting, Gustine
- 08/16** Governing Board meeting, County Admin Bldg.
- 08/25** 9th Annual Run for the Fallen, Applegate Park  
For more information contact: (209) 658-2219

For more information about these events, or if your City or Community has public events you would like published in our newsletter, contact Eva Garibay at [eva.garibay@mcagov.org](mailto:eva.garibay@mcagov.org)



For more information about the land-fill hours and days of operation see the schedule below .

**HIGHWAY 59 LANDFILL**  
 7040 N Highway 59  
 Merced, CA 95348  
 Phone: 209-723-4481

**BILLY WRIGHT LANDFILL**  
 17173 S Billy Wright Road  
 Los Banos, CA 95348  
 Phone: 209-826-1163

Monday - Friday:  
 7:00 am - 3:30 pm  
 Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon

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 Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon

1st Saturday of  
 each month:  
 7:00 am - 3:30 pm

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### STAY CONNECTED WITH US!

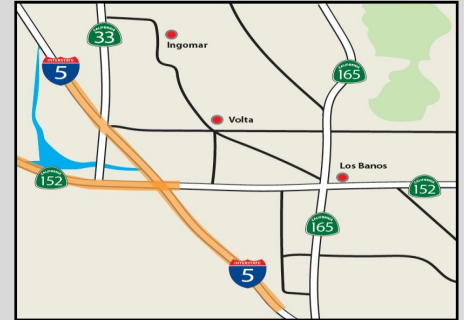
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### Caltrans Accelerates Bridge Repairs on State Route 152 & Interstate 5



Caltrans will improve and extend the service life of 18 bridges on Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 152 (SR-152) in Merced County, due to the funds from Senate Bill 1



(SB 1), the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Approximately 65,000 vehicles per day use these stretches of SR-152 and I-5 to reach their destination. More than 75 percent of the trucks on this stretch of I-5 and 65 percent on SR-152 are five-axle, heavy trucks.

This \$4.7 million project has been awarded to Myers and Sons Construction of Sacramento, California. Crews will replace joint seals, repair and restore the roadway, and improve traffic safety. Work began the week of July 1, and crews will work on I-5 between Ortigalita Creek and West Bank Road, and on SR-152 at the San Luis Dam Forebay and the California Aqueduct. Crews are scheduled to work weeknights and perform lane closures. There are no current plans for full highway closures on I-5 or SR-152; however, motorists should expect at least a 10-minute delay while crews are at work. Motorists are encouraged to plan ahead, use alternate routes, and Be Work Zone Alert.

The work schedule is subject to change due to traffic incidents, weather, availability of equipment and/or materials, and/or construction-related issues.

SB 1 provides an ongoing funding increase of approximately \$1.8 billion annually for the maintenance and rehabilitation of the state highway system. SB 1 funds will enable Caltrans to fix more than 17,000 lane miles of pavement, 500 bridges and 55,000 culverts by 2027. For complete details on SB 1, visit <http://www.rebuildingca.gov/>.

# Measure V

**AUGUST 2018—UPDATE**

Measure V, Merced County's ½ cent transportation sales tax, was passed by Merced County voters with 71% approval in November 2016 and went into effect April 1, 2017. In an effort to keep the community informed about this transformative measure, MCAG will feature monthly updates in this newsletter. You can also visit [www.measurev-mcag.com](http://www.measurev-mcag.com) for the latest!

## **REGIONAL PROJECTS APPROVED!**

On June 21, 2018, the MCAG Governing Board approved the Measure V Regional Project expenditures for FY 2017-18 and 2018-19. Requests for funding to advance regional projects were made by the six cities and the County of Merced. As outlined in the Measure V Expenditure Plan, the requests for regional funding were then evaluated and considered by the East Side and West Side Regional Projects Committees, based on the candidate projects location. Each committee decided to set aside 20% of their regional projects revenue for future leveraging opportunities, and submitted a list of recommended regional project expenditures to the MCAG Governing Board totaling the remaining 80% of revenue. With the Governing Board's action in June, the funding allocations to the approved regional projects will be programmed in the first Measure V Implementation Plan which is scheduled for adoption in September 2018.

This Measure V funding will help advance the following projects in Merced County over the next year. Some projects are ready to utilize the funding for construction, while others will begin or continue with project development.

## **APPROVED EAST SIDE REGIONAL PROJECTS**

- Winton Way Project—City of Atwater
- Highway 99/Winton Parkway—City of Livingston
- Highway 59 Black Rascal Bridge—City of Merced
- Highway 59 Phase 1 (16th to Olive)—City of Merced
- Bradbury Road Project—County of Merced
- Sandy Mush Road Project Phase 1 (Hwy 59 to Turner Island)—County of Merced

## **APPROVED WEST SIDE REGIONAL PROJECTS**

- Center Avenue North Project—City of Dos Palos
- Blossom Street East Project—City of Dos Palos
- Highway 33/140 Roundabout—City of Gustine
- Eastside Storm Drainage—City of Gustine
- Airport Security Project—City of Gustine
- Merced College Multi-Use Path—City of Los Banos
- Henry Miller Road Project—County of Merced



*Measure V sign spotted on Overland Drive in Los Banos*

## **HAVE YOU SPOTTED MEASURE V AT WORK IN MERCED COUNTY?**

Snap a picture and send it to [measurev@mcagov.org](mailto:measurev@mcagov.org) or tag us on Facebook @mcag.merced or Twitter #MercedCAG



*Measure V at work on S. Bear Creek in Merced County*

**FIXING OUR ROADS!**

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