



## Los Banos Bypass / East-West Goods Movement Corridor

**Request: \$8 million to fund  
Right-of-way for first segment**

### Goal:

The Los Banos Bypass/East-West Goods Movement Corridor would facilitate numerous transportation objectives: Improve goods movement from between the Central Valley and the coast; Improve commute into the south Bay Area; Relieve congestion in the city of Los Banos.

### Description:

What should be Los Banos' "main street" is actually a heavily impacted highway – a major lifeline route for industrial, commercial, agricultural and recreational trips, as well as a commuter route. A bypass is needed for State Route 152 around the City of Los Banos. This project is identified as a priority in the San Joaquin Valley Interregional Goods Movement Plan, the Merced Regional Transportation Plan and the Interregional Transportation Strategic Plan because it is one of only three direct links between the coast and the Central Valley.

Major milestones that have already been met include environmental clearance, full funding for design of segment one, and partial funding (\$1.1 million) for the purchase of the Right-of-Way for segment one. The next step is to secure \$6 million to fund the Right-of-Way for segment one. Segment one, will be the construction of the eastern half of the bypass from Highway 152 to Highway 165.



### Necessity:

Highway 152 is one of the most heavily traveled routes between the coast and California's Central Valley, due to an increase in commuters between Los Banos and the south Bay Area. Goods movement from the Port of Stockton heavily impacts Hwy 152. It is the main East/West corridor from Hwy99 to I-5 and Hwy 101. With other improvements on Highway 152 to Highway 101, this route has enormous potential of being another highly beneficial East-West Trade Corridor to the Bay Area.

Los Banos is the crossroads city for State Highways 33, 152, and 165, and Interstate 5 skirts its western boundaries, all creating substantial congestion. During commute hours, arterials and neighborhood streets are gridlocked. Air quality, public safety, and commercial activity along the route are severely impacted by commuter and truck traffic.

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