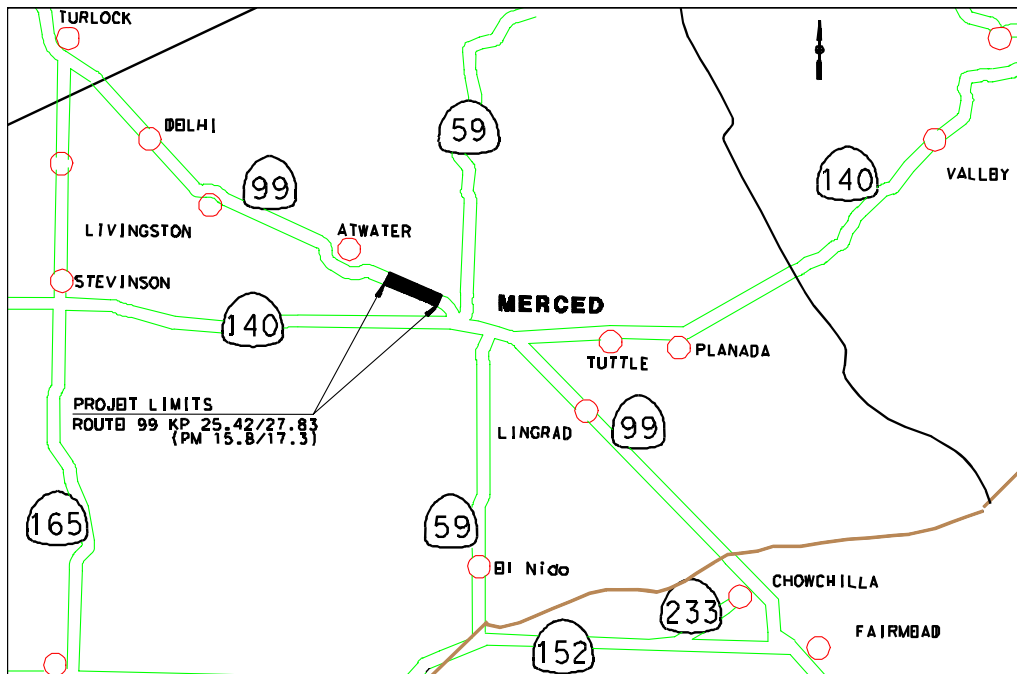


PROJECT FACT SHEET

West Merced Overhead EA 10-0K020 10-MER-99- KP 25.4-27.8 (PM 15.8-17.3)

PROJECT MANAGER: Ram Narayan Gupta, (209) 948-7972

LOCATION MAP:



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- **LIMITS:**
On State Route 99 in Merced County in and near Merced from 0.1 km north of V Street to Black Rascal Bridge.
- **DESCRIPTION:**
Replacement of the West Merced OH Structures (Bridge # 39-131 L/R) in order to correct structural deficiencies. The profile grade will be raised 3 m at the West Merced OH to bring sight distance up to current standards and provide the necessary vertical and horizontal clearances required by the railroad. During construction, the median will be decked to accommodate detoured traffic. Retaining walls will be constructed at the top of the slope to preserve existing Right of Way. Bear Creek Bridges (#39-132 L/R) will be seismically retrofitted. Six Maintenance Vehicle Pullouts (MVPs) will be constructed adjacent to the shoulder within the project limits.

The landscape portion of this work will be split off from the main ("parent") project, as it requires a three year plant establishment period. It is the Department's policy to split the landscape mitigation project from the "parent" project if the landscape construction capital cost is more than \$200,000, and the landscape plant establishment period is greater than one year. This is a project requirement in order to meet the Department's commitment to the Association of General Contractors (AGC) to limit the length of plant establishment, included with road construction projects, to no more than one year.

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FUNDING STATUS

Fund Source: SHOPP funds

The project's construction phase is currently programmed at \$44,274,000.

SCHEDULE STATUS

The planned schedule for advertising of this project is in late June 2009.

PROJECT ISSUES

There are two bridges (left and right) associated with the West Merced Overhead. The length of each bridge is 160.4 meters. The left bridge has a sufficiency rating of 38.2, and the right bridge has a sufficiency rating of 45.9. Both bridges are structurally deficient.

These bridges are currently programmed in the Department's SHOPP for replacement.

This project has the support of the Department's regional and local partners.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

State Assembly District:	17, Cathleen Galgiani
State Senate District:	12, Jeff Denham
U. S. Congressional District:	18, Dennis Cordoza
U.S. Senators:	Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein