



WESTSIDE SALINAS CONNECTOR

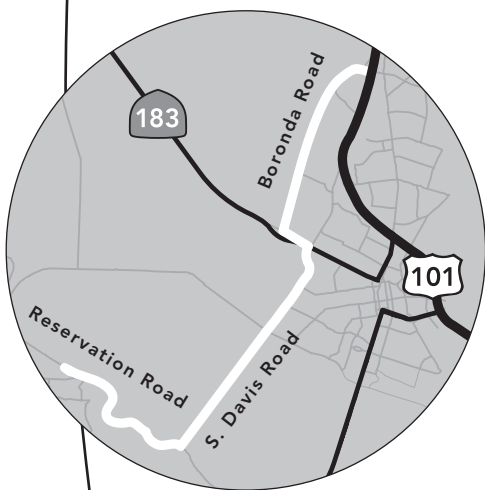


DESCRIPTION

Construct a new roadway, widen existing roads and provide a rapid bus transit corridor along various segments from near Boronda Road along the west side of Salinas south to and including Reservation Road in the vicinity of Marina to create a new Westside Connector. Includes widening of Davis Road and construction of a new bridge over the Salinas River. The project will include construction of a new connection between Rossi Street and Davis Road as funding permits.

PROJECT PURPOSE

A significant commute pattern has developed between the Salinas Valley and the Monterey Peninsula cities. As a result, there are high volumes and congestion on the existing routes. One of these routes, Davis Road lacks a year-round crossing of the Salinas River. In addition the west side of Salinas has severe traffic problems and needs a viable alternative to US 101 for north-south travel. This project will create a new west side route to serve travelers along this North Salinas to Marina corridor.



PROJECT BENEFITS

- Reduces north-south congestion and supports regional travel
- Improves access for local residents
- Reduces road closures due to flooding
- Provides for effective bus transit and bicycle/pedestrian access

COST

The cost of the Westside Salinas Connector projects is estimated at \$154 million.