

State Route 46 East Widening Project “Union Segment” Project Fact Sheet



Project Sponsor: *San Luis Obispo Council of Governments:* The role of the project sponsor is to secure funding for the project

Implementing Agency: *Caltrans:* The role of the implementing agency is to successfully complete each project component and phase.

Purpose & Need: The purpose of the proposed project is to improve safety and reduce congestion on State Route 46. State Route 46 is a major east-west route between the San Joaquin Valley and the Pacific Coast. State Route 46 is heavily used for weekend travel between the Central Valley and the coast, particularly during the summer months. The general increase in interregional traffic, coupled with the anticipated future traffic from approved projects in the area, is predicted to continue to degrade operations and cause extensive traveler delay.

Project Features: The project will widen State Route 46 East to four lanes and add a median from Airport Road east to Geneseo Road, a distance of five miles.

Estimated Construction Cost: \$35 million

Funding: Federal Demonstration Funds, State Transportation Improvement Program

Contractor: Papich Construction Co. of Pismo Beach

Project Schedule: Begin Construction – April 2008
End Construction – Summer 2010, weather permitting