

STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (STANCOG) STATE ROUTE 132 WEST PROJECT PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON JUNE 18, 2024

Introduction

The Public Open House for the State Route 132 West project was hosted on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The in-person meeting was held at Central Catholic High School in Modesto. More than 25 community members attended the meeting, as well as Stanislaus County Supervisor Terry Withrow, City of Modesto Vice Mayor Eric Alvarez, Modesto City Council Members Rosa Escutia-Braaton and David Wright, StanCOG Board Chair Javier Lopez, StanCOG staff and project team members.

Project Overview

State Route (SR) 132 is the main east-west thoroughfare and freight corridor connecting Stanislaus County communities to San Joaquin County and the San Francisco Bay Area. The two-lane conventional highway/expressway provides an interregional connection between Interstate 5 (I-5) near the City of Tracy to the west and State Route 99 (SR 99) in Modesto to the east. It is the only east-west highway with access across the Tuolumne, San Joaquin and Stanislaus rivers from Modesto. SR 132 has played an increasingly significant role in serving the Central Valley, becoming a major truck route between I-5 and SR 99. Additionally, it has been identified by the Stanislaus Council of Governments' (StanCOG) Policy Board as the highest priority corridor in the region.

The SR 132 West project is proposed to be developed and constructed in phases. The first phase, a two-lane expressway from SR 99 to North Dakota Avenue, was completed in 2022. The next two phases will continue the work by:

- Constructing the interchange improvements at the intersection of SR 99 and SR 132 in the City
 of Modesto; and
- Constructing a two-lane highway/expressway between Gates/Paradise Road and North Dakota Avenue, including bridge overcrossings at Dakota Avenue and Hart Road.

Purpose and Format

The purpose of the public open house was to provide information to the public regarding the status of the project and upcoming activities, as well as to offer an opportunity for community members to talk with the project team and ask questions.

The meeting included welcome and introductory remarks from Supervisor Withrow and Vice Mayor Alvarez, as well as a project overview presentation by Tony Harris, Manager of Strategic Project Delivery



for StanCOG, and Ed Noriega, Project Manager from Mark Thomas. Prior to and following the presentations, attendees were invited to visit different stations to learn more about the project, talk with project team members and ask questions.

The following topics were covered at the different stations/exhibits around the room:

- Project Area Maps
- Project Renderings (Current and Proposed)
- Project Schedule
- Right-of-Way Acquisition Process

The project team hosted a welcome table at the entrance that included a sign-in sheet, project fact sheets (English and Spanish) and comment cards for attendees to share additional input. Refreshments were also provided for attendees.

Notification

The meeting was promoted through the following platforms:

- Distributed to StanCOG Members
 - o Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee
- Project Information Letters
 - Mailed directly to property owners/addresses that may potentially need right-of-way or temporary construction easements, and the local elected officials representing impacted districts
- Email Distribution
 - Sent to local businesses, community-based organizations, school districts/schools, city/county agencies and local elected officials
- Social Media
 - Posted on StanCOG's Facebook and X (Twitter) pages
- Websites
 - o Posted on StanCOG.org and SR132West.com (project website)
- Shared with Collaborating Agencies
 - o Sent to PIOs/project contacts with Caltrans, City of Modesto and Stanislaus County



Community Feedback

The following is a summary of the comments and feedback shared by community members.

- Some residents/property owners in attendance agreed this project will reduce traffic along the corridor. One attendee indicated that it would make it easier for them to travel to and from their home (into town, etc.) without having to plan around commute times.
- Several property owners present asked for more details about how the right-of-way acquisition would affect their properties, particularly concerning the following aspects:
 - o Irrigation water delivery required for cropland that would be segmented by the project
 - o Property access and driveway relocation needs
 - Removal of buildings or structures on the property
- Some attendees inquired about various elements of the upcoming project efforts, including:
 - Estimated timing for construction
 - Expected benefits in different parts of Modesto and the surrounding area, for both residents and non-residents (commuters, etc.)
- Some of the property owners in attendance asked about pending components from the first
 phase of the project (completed in 2022), including a sound wall that was anticipated near the
 newly built overcrossing.
- Several questions were asked about the project's financial aspects, including the estimated construction costs for each phase and the potential funding sources.

Next Steps

The final project design is expected to be completed by summer 2025. The project team is concurrently managing the final design, right-of-way engineering, appraisals, acquisitions, utility coordination and relocation, as well as pursuing funding for the next portion of project construction.

The project website, https://www.SR132West.com, serves as a central resource for more information and will be updated throughout the project development process. The site offers background information about the project, a map of the project area, copies of project materials, and an overall project timeline. It also includes a contact form and an email address for the public to submit inquiries or request to join the email list for future updates.

In the summer of 2025, StanCOG will host another public open house to share additional project information and updates.



Meeting Promotion





Invitation - English

Invitation - Spanish







Facebook Post

X (Twitter) Post



StanCOG Website



Meeting Photos



















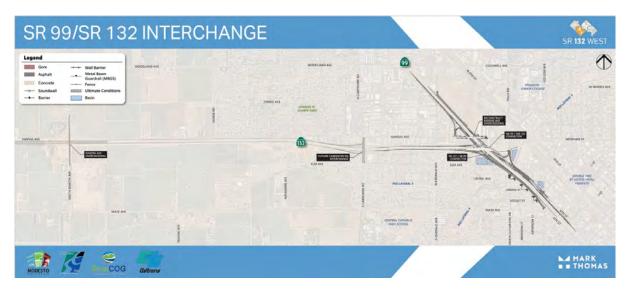


Exhibit Boards





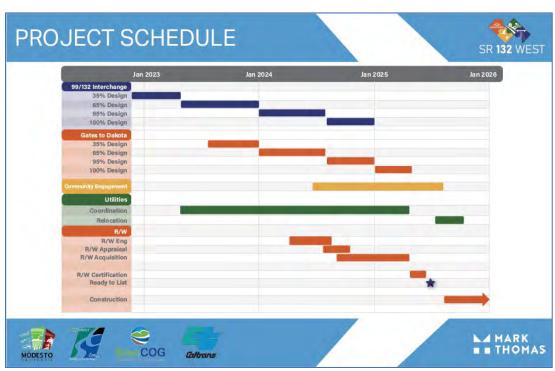














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Meeting Presentation



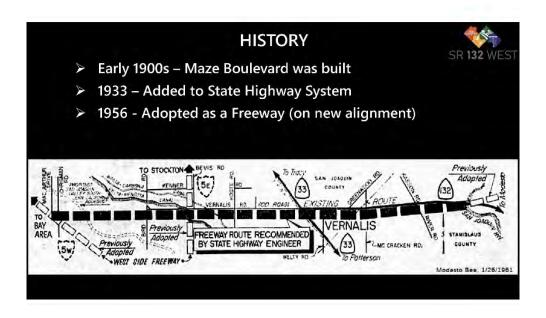


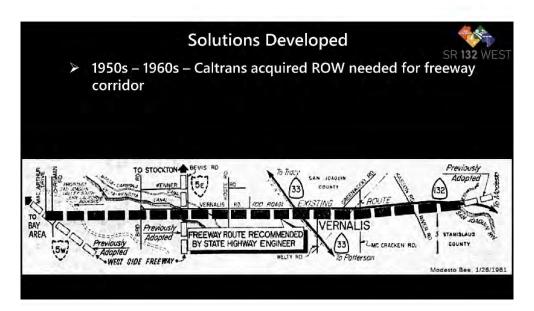


MEETING AGENDA Project Objective Project Background/History Project Improvements Project Funding Next Steps Project Schedule







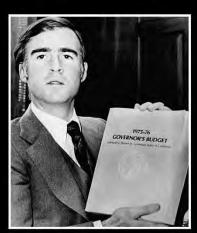




Progress Slows



- > 1960s 1982 Highway costs skyrocket (The Great Inflation)
- 1975 1976 California Highway Commission NOT to rescind SR 132 West
- 1991 2003 Caltrans and StanCOG study various alignment alternatives



Funding Efforts Succeed



- 2006 & 2008 Measure L Precursors Fail
- > 2016 Measure L Passes
- 2017 SB 1 Passes

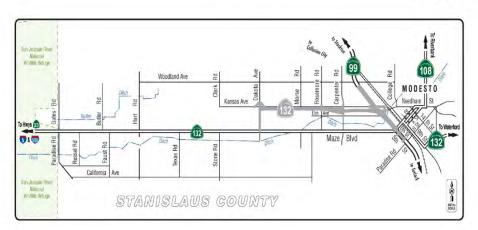






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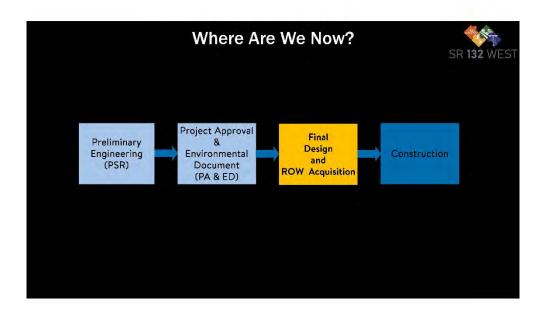


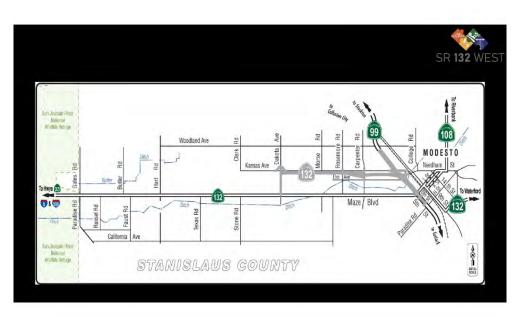




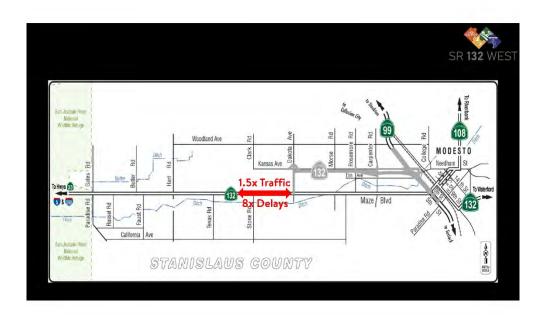


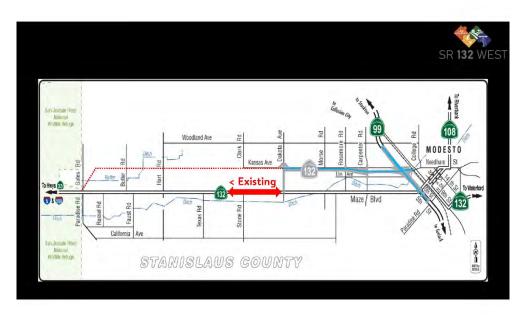




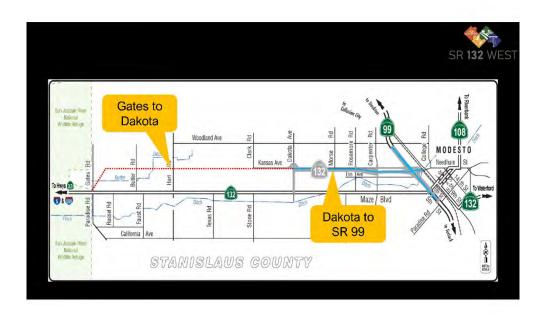


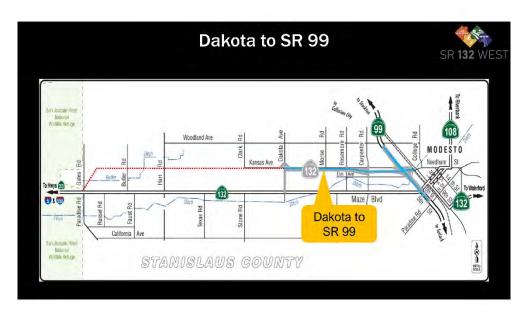




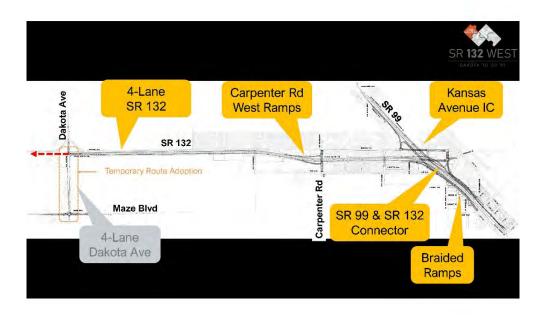


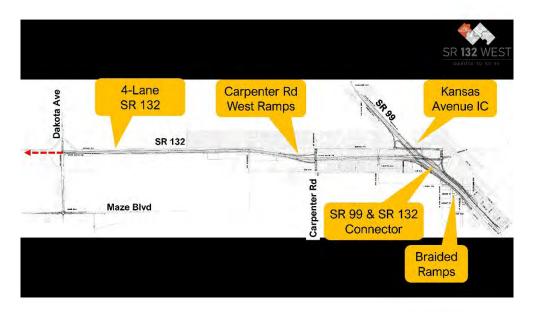




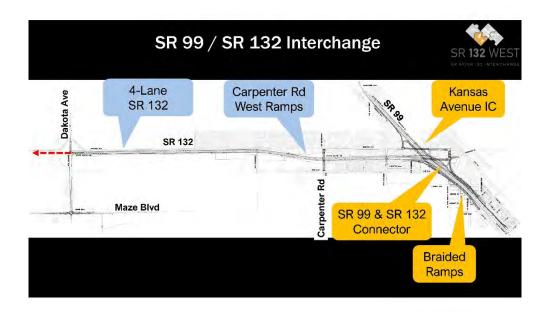


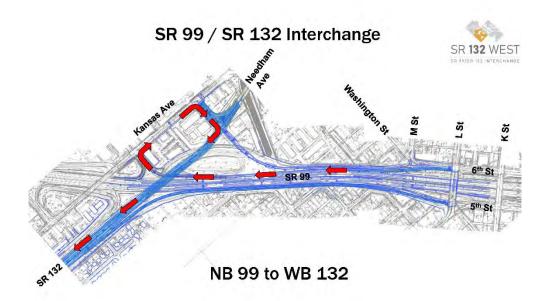




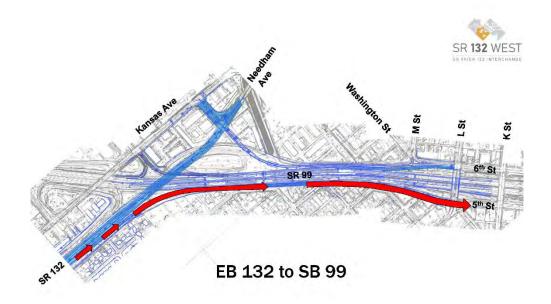


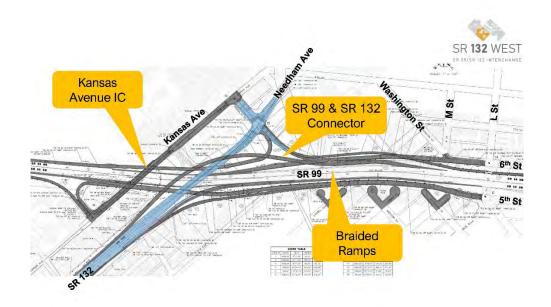




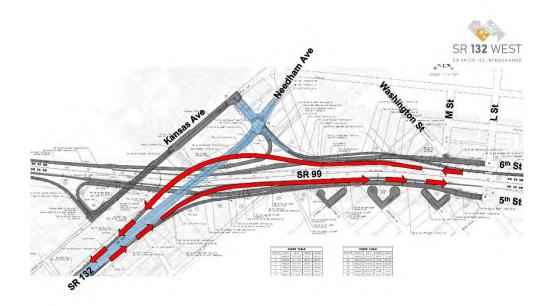














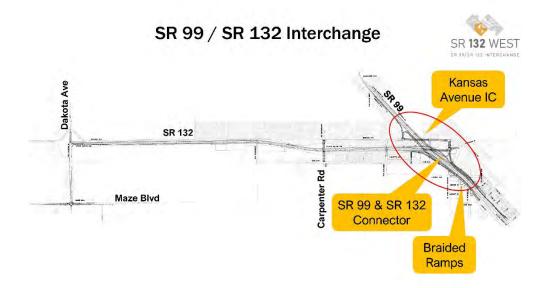




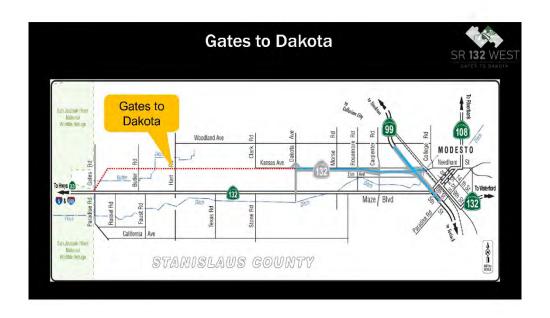


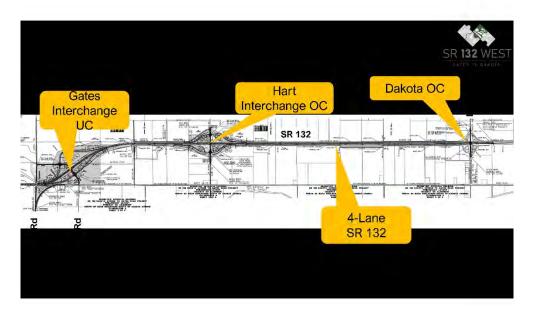




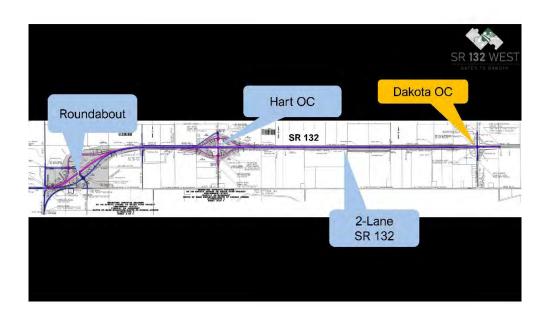












StanCOG Pursuing Construction Funding





Environmental and Design

Local County Funds Regional Measure L Funds Federal Earmark Funds Federal COVID Relief Funds



Right of Way

State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) State Local Partnership Program (LPP)



Construction

\$305M - \$310M (UNFUNDED)



NEXT STEPS > Complete Design > Utility Coordination and Relocation > Right of Way Appraisals and Acquisitions > Seek Construction Funding > Construct Improvements





PROJECT INFORMATION





















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