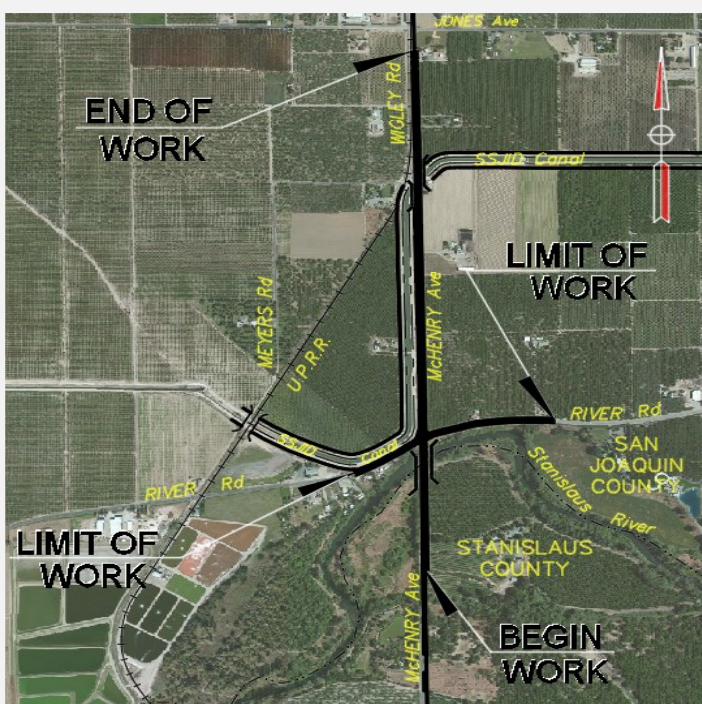


MCHENRY AVENUE CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PRESS RELEASE

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San Joaquin County, in cooperation with Stanislaus County, has completed engineering work for a project to widen and improve a one mile segment of McHenry Avenue from Jones Road to 1,700 feet south of River Road, in Stanislaus County.

The Project will widen and signalize the McHenry Avenue/River Road intersection; widen McHenry Avenue to provide a center left-turn lane; and replace two existing bridges - one across the Stanislaus River, and the other across the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (SSJID) canal. This Project will significantly improve traffic circulation, safety, and air quality. The Project will be paid for from various sources, including Federal Bridge and Air Quality funds, as well as State Transportation and Local Measure K funds.



The Project was approved by San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors for solicitation of bids and advertised on October 25, 2016. Approximately 1,136 feet of the underside of the Stanislaus Bridge will soon be covered with bird exclusion netting to prevent swallows from nesting under the Bridge. The time required to install the exclusion netting is expected to be approximately 2-weeks. The netting instillation is scheduled to begin in early December and motorists can anticipate minor delay due to lane closures on the Bridge. A pre-construction public outreach meeting will be held in early 2017, once a contractor is selected and prior to the start of construction.

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