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Board Approves Agreement to Improve Cherry/I-10 Interchange

SAN BERNARDINO – The Board of Supervisors ratified a cooperative agreement with Caltrans on Tuesday to spell out who is responsible for the final design and right-of-way acquisitions for the Cherry/I-10 interchange reconfiguration project.

According to the agreement, the County of San Bernardino will develop plans, specifications and estimates for the project and will take the lead on acquiring the right of way necessary to build the interchange and for ancillary road improvements. The County will also take the lead on securing funding for the \$71-million project. Caltrans will provide oversight and technical support at no cost to the County.

“The Cherry Avenue interchange has become a major chokepoint along the I-10 corridor because it cannot accommodate the volume of traffic that uses it daily,” San Bernardino County Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said. “Reconstructing this more than 50-year-old junction will help alleviate traffic on I-10 while also allowing local traffic flow more easily from one side of the freeway to the other.”

The project entails widening and realigning the interchange on- and off-ramps and widening Cherry Avenue between Slover Avenue and Valley Boulevard to six lanes. Construction is expected to begin in 2011.

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