



STATE ROUTE 18 (SR-18) CORRIDOR FREIGHT AND SAFETY PROJECT

Overview

State Route 18 (SR-18) is a key east-west corridor connecting the Antelope Valley and Victor Valley, supporting regional travel, freight movement, and rural communities.

The SR-18 Corridor Freight and Safety Project will improve safety and corridor operations through targeted improvements without adding new through lanes. Implementation is anticipated in two construction phases:

- Phase 1: US 395 to Smith Street
- Phase 2: Smith Street to the Los Angeles County line

The project builds on earlier High Desert Corridor planning efforts and advances a practical, cost-effective approach to improving safety, mobility, and freight efficiency along this important route.



Proposed Project Improvements

- Addition of a center striped median and left/right turn lanes at key intersections.
- Roadway re-profiling to improve sight distance, safety, and ride quality.
- Signal modifications and interconnection at five intersections.
- Paved eight-foot shoulders and safety enhancements such as rumble strips and clear recovery zones.
- Buffered Class II bike lanes along the east end of the corridor.
- Approximately 7,800 feet of sidewalk and ADA-compliant curb ramps.
- Drainage upgrades to improve corridor durability.

Funding:

The project is seeking funding through the California Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP). The estimated total project cost includes approximately \$46.41 million for design and right-of-way and \$123.72 million for construction across two phases. Final funding amounts and the project schedule are subject to funding approval.



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Project Benefits

- Improve safety by reducing collision risks along a corridor with higher-than-average crash rates.
- Reduce congestion by allowing turning vehicles to exit travel lanes and improving signal operations.
- Enhance travel time reliability for passenger vehicles and freight.
- Support regional goods movement and economic activity.
- Add complete streets features to improve bike and pedestrian access.

Schedule*

- 2027**
Environmental Phase Completion
- 2027–2029**
Final Design and Right-of-Way
- APRIL 2030**
Anticipated Start of Construction
- OCTOBER 2032**
Anticipated End of Construction

**Schedule is subject to funding availability.*

Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT PHASE IS THE PROJECT CURRENTLY IN?

The project is currently in the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase. During this phase, the project team evaluates design concepts, studies environmental considerations, and refines the project scope before advancing into final design and right-of-way.

WHY IS PUBLIC FEEDBACK IMPORTANT DURING THIS PHASE?

The PA&ED phase is when key decisions are made about project design, improvements, and potential impacts. Feedback from community members, corridor users, and stakeholders helps the project team better understand local needs, identify concerns early, and shape solutions that improve safety and mobility while minimizing impacts. Community input helps inform project development before final decisions are made.

HOW CAN I PROVIDE FEEDBACK?

You can share your feedback by taking the project survey, at goSBCTA.com/SR18improvement.



We Plan.

The SR-18 Corridor Freight, Safety, and Zero-Emission Project is part of ongoing efforts to improve safety, resiliency, and mobility along one of the High Desert's key transportation corridors.

We Build.

The project will implement operational and safety improvements and complete streets features while maintaining corridor functionality during construction.

You Move.

These improvements will help reduce delays, improve safety, and support smoother travel for drivers, commuters, freight operators, and active transportation users.

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