



DIAMOND SPRINGS PARKWAY

Project Fact Sheet

Project Overview

Diamond Springs Parkway is part of the Transportation and Circulation Element of the County General Plan consisting of a future four-lane divided roadway connecting Missouri Flat Road to State Route 49 (SR-49). The project includes realignment and widening of SR-49 between Pleasant Valley Road and Bradley Drive.

Purpose and Need

The primary purpose of this project is to improve traffic safety and operations on SR-49 and Missouri Flat Road in the vicinity of Diamond Springs. This existing corridor suffers from a higher than average number of traffic delays and traffic accidents. The project will provide a parallel connection from SR-49 to US Highway 50 (US-50) between Missouri Flat Road and Diamond Road. These improvements will relieve traffic congestion and provide an acceptable level of service through the historic town of Diamond Springs consistent with the County General Plan. The new connector is estimated to reduce the commuter traffic through historic Diamond Springs to 55% of the current traffic volumes [Average Daily Traffic (ADT) reduction from 18,500 to 10,000]. This project is also anticipated to improve pedestrian safety, access to existing businesses, and reduce vibration and noise through the Diamond Springs historic district. Aesthetic improvements to the area include the undergrounding of existing overhead utilities, vintage style street light fixtures, and a sierra drystack stone surface treatment on retaining walls.

Project to be Completed in Two Phases

Phase 1A realigned SR-49 from Pleasant Valley Road to north of Lime Kiln Road, with the construction of four 12-foot lanes with 8-foot shoulders. A small section of existing SR-49 became a County frontage road for the existing residential driveways. This phase also included a sidewalk along SR-49, transit bus turnouts, signal modifications at Pleasant Valley Road/SR-49, and left turn lanes at the Lime Kiln/Black Rice intersection. This phase completed construction in February 2022.

Phase 1B will construct a 4-lane minor arterial from a new Missouri Flat Road intersection south of Golden Center Drive to a new intersection at SR-49 south of Bradley Drive. Phase 1B connects to the SR-49 improvements constructed in Phase 1A to create a continuous 4-lane roadway corridor with multimodal features from the intersection at Fowler Lane/SR-49 all the way to US-50. The Parkway includes new traffic signals at the intersections of Missouri Flat Road, Throwita Way and SR-49. Multimodal transportation features include Class II bike lanes, sidewalk, and transit bus turnouts on both sides of the Parkway.

Total Project Cost & Anticipated Completion

Phase 1A	\$ 15.5 million	2022
Phase 1B	\$ 33.8 million	2025

Funding

This County General Plan circulation improvement and safety project is funded by the Missouri Flat Master Circulation & Funding Plan (MC&FP), Traffic Impact Mitigation (TIM) Fees, Tribal Funds, State-Local Partnership Program (LPP), and State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP).

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Project Approval History

Missouri Flat/SR-49 Connector Concept Study	1992
Conceptual Alignment	1997
Master Circulation & Funding Plan Financing (MC&FP)	1998
County General Plan & Circulation Map	2004
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	2006
Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Financing	2006
Phase 2 – 4-Lane Connector in DOT CIP	2007
Preferred Alignment	2008
Final EIR	2011
BOS top priority project funded in CIP	2012
Caltrans Project Study Report	2012
BOS budgeted Special Revenue Tribe Funds	2012
Phase 1B 4-lane construction as one phase	2013
Supplemental EIR	2016
Phase 1A Right of Way Certification	2018
Phase 1A Construction Advertise	2018
Phase 1A Construction Award	2019

Public Outreach / Meetings, 1996 – 2019

Initial public meetings	Fall 1996
Preferred Alignment Selected	April 10, 1997
Alignment Approved – BOS meeting	June 17, 1997
Public Workshops	Spring 2005
EIR Public Scoping Meeting	January 9, 2008
“T” Alignment Study – BOS meeting	April 29, 2008
Diamond Springs Advisory Committee	February 18, 2010
EIR Public Meeting	July 28, 2010
Final EIR Certification – BOS meeting	May 24, 2011
Public Workshop	March 18, 2013
Diamond Springs Advisory Committee	September 19, 2013
Underground Utility District Formation	February 4, 2014
Supplemental EIR Certification – BOS meeting	May 3, 2016
Diamond Springs Advisory Committee	March 16, 2017
Diamond Springs Advisory Committee	November 16, 2017
Supervisor Veerkamp Town Hall Meeting	January 31, 2018
Diamond Springs Advisory Committee	April 19, 2018
Diamond Springs Advisory Committee	March 21, 2019

Questions or comments regarding the Diamond Springs Parkway/SR-49 Realignment project, visit the project website at: <http://www.edcgov.us/diamondspringspkwy>

The El Dorado County Department of Transportation 2021 CIP is available online on the El Dorado County website at: <https://www.edcgov.us/government/dot/pages/cip.aspx>