



September Construction Update

Governor Brown Visits High-Speed Rail Work



The High-Speed Rail project got a visit from one of its biggest supporters on September 14, when Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. paid a visit to one of the work sites. In Fresno, to sign several recently passed pieces of environmental legislation, the Governor had a look at the work going on at the Fresno Trench. While there, he spoke with some of the building and construction trade workers on site.



Fresno Trench/SR-180 Passageway

Fresno



Fresno Trench: Drilling for an intrusion barrier wall is underway which will protect the high-speed rail line as it travels near Union Pacific Railroad tracks.

SR-180 Passageway: Night work continues on State Route 180 to make shoulder improvements as construction crews prepare to work under the highway.



Tuolumne Street Bridge Construction

Downtown Fresno



In just a matter of weeks, crews at the Tuolumne Street Bridge finished pouring concrete for the deck, bringing construction closer to completion. Work is now being done on the retaining and barrier walls, as well as the sidewalks and bike lanes before the new two-way bridge reopens to traffic this fall.



Fresno River Viaduct

Near Madera



In Madera County, one crew moves concrete forms out of the way while another crew ties together reinforcing steel in preparation for the final concrete deck pour at the Fresno River Viaduct. The viaduct crossing over Raymond Road has been constructed and crews are now preparing for the crossing over State Route 145.



Cedar Viaduct

South Fresno



Progress is being made at the Cedar Viaduct site as crews continue work on columns for the 3,700-foot viaduct over State Route 99 in south Fresno. Currently, rebar is being tied inside of red-flare forms as crews prepare for the next concrete pour.



Cottonwood Creek

Madera County



Concrete has been poured for eight columns and two abutments at the Cottonwood Creek Bridge site in Madera County. Construction of bridge deck falsework will soon begin, which consists of the temporary wooden forms used to hold a section of the bridge in place until its construction is advanced enough to support itself. Setting girders for the deck is scheduled for early October.

San Joaquin River Viaduct

North Fresno



Foundation work for the 4,700-foot viaduct over the San Joaquin River has begun. Crews are drilling shafts 75-90 feet into the ground for placement of the viaduct's support piers. Closer to the San Joaquin River crews are installing a coffer dam which will allow them to work in the water and construct the viaduct foundation for the river crossing.



State Route 99 Realignment

Central Fresno



The southbound State Route 99 exit to Ashlan Avenue is largely complete at the north end of the project area with more work anticipated to be done farther south. Crews are also busy installing a storm drain near the Dakota Avenue exit. The southbound on- and off-ramps at Shields Avenue are now closed until December during construction. Once reopened, the Clinton Avenue on and off-ramps will then be closed.

