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California Transportation Commission Approves Allocation of \$124 Million for the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway Project in Shasta County Region

Key Takeaway: *\$124 million in transportation funding is being invested on Interstate 5 in Shasta County, to construct the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway project, which will improve safety, traffic operations, and goods movement along I-5 through the Redding area. This first of its kind, innovative project will improve freight connectivity between three state highway interchanges and increase safety by addressing freight conflict zones/collision clusters and significantly improve emergency operations during wildfires and snowstorms.*

Redding, California (August 25, 2026) — During the California Transportation Commission’s meeting on August 21, 2026, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve the allocation of \$124 million in combined federal, state, and regional funds for the construction of the Fix 5 Cascade Gateway project. Caltrans District 2 and the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA) have partnered for many years to make improvements on Interstate 5, from Cottonwood to the City of Shasta Lake. This latest effort culminates in completing a series of improvements focused on safety, operational efficiency, and rehabilitation of highway infrastructure. SRTA is a co-sponsor of the project and Caltrans is the implementing agency.

“This project will be a first-of-its-kind effort in addressing regional challenges around freight safety and efficiency of goods movement,” said Sean Tiedgen, Executive Director of SRTA. This project uses the unique approach of creating a part-time, freight-only managed lane system on northbound and southbound portions of Interstate 5 through the city of Redding.”

Caltrans District 2 Director Dave Moore stated, *“By allocating dedicated lanes for trucks, the project streamlines the flow of traffic entering and exiting the interstate from multiple state highways and local roads. This minimizes the risk of collisions, making the roadway safer for passenger vehicles and commercial drivers.”*

Project improvements will take place approximately from the Bechelli Lane/Churn Creek Road overcrossing to the Mountain Gate overcrossing, north of the city of Shasta Lake. Contract bids will be requested in the fall of 2026 with construction anticipated to start in the spring of 2027. This is a three-year project with completion expected in 2029.

Key Project Highlights

- Fourteen miles of new part-time truck-only lanes to efficiently move freight through the Redding area.
- Construction of four new auxiliary lanes in the northbound and southbound directions between SR 44 to SR 299 and SR 273 to Oasis Road).
- Construction of a third lane between Hilltop Drive and State Route (SR) 273 in both the northbound and southbound direction.
- Improvements to seven bridges, including increased vertical clearances at the SR 273 separation and Twin View Boulevard undercrossing for oversized loads.
- New overhead, guide, and warning signs for driver information.
- Emergency adaptative lane management ITS systems to direct traffic during fire evacuations, freeway closures (including snowstorms), etc.
- Upgraded median barriers and guardrails.
- Installation of one truck zero-emission charging station at the northbound Cottonwood CHP weigh-in-motion station.

This project was secured through the following funding sources:

- Regional State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) funds.
- SB 1 Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP) funds.
- State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP) funds.
- Federal Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending funds.

For more information about the project, please contact Caltrans District 2 at 530-225-3426 or d2pio@dot.ca.gov. The project webpage can be found at: <https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-2/d2-projects/d2-fix-5-cascade-gateway>.

About the Shasta Regional Transportation Agency (SRTA)

SRTA is the federally designated metropolitan planning organization (MPO) and state designated regional transportation planning agency (RTPA) for the Shasta County region. SRTA serves as a forum for city and county governments to work together with key partners to address regional transportation needs that often transcend political boundaries. Decisions are made by a board of directors with representatives from the cities of Anderson, Redding, and Shasta Lake, County of Shasta, and Redding Area Bus Authority. SRTA plans and provides funding for active transportation, freight/goods movement, highways and roadway, and rail projects, and public transit services. To learn more about SRTA, please visit our website: www.srta.ca.gov.

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