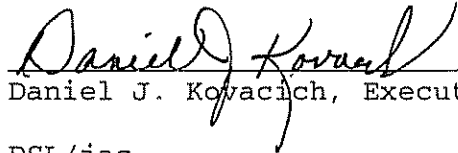


REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

SUBJECT	MEETING DATE	ITEM NUMBER
Stillwater Presentation	12-14-04	5

Caltrans has nearly completed environmental review for the State Route 44 widening project to Palo Cedro. Caltrans is providing a presentation regarding the preferred alternative and estimated costs. During the 2006 or 2008 State Transportation Improvement Program Cycle - whenever new funding is available - the Agency will need to consider how to prioritize this project given limited resources and other regional needs/commitments.



Daniel J. Kovachich, Executive Officer

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Attachments: Project Information Sheets

You Are Invited to an Open House

Stillwater Improvement Project

January 12, 2005

4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Bishop Quinn High School

21893 Old 44 Drive

Palo Cedro, CA



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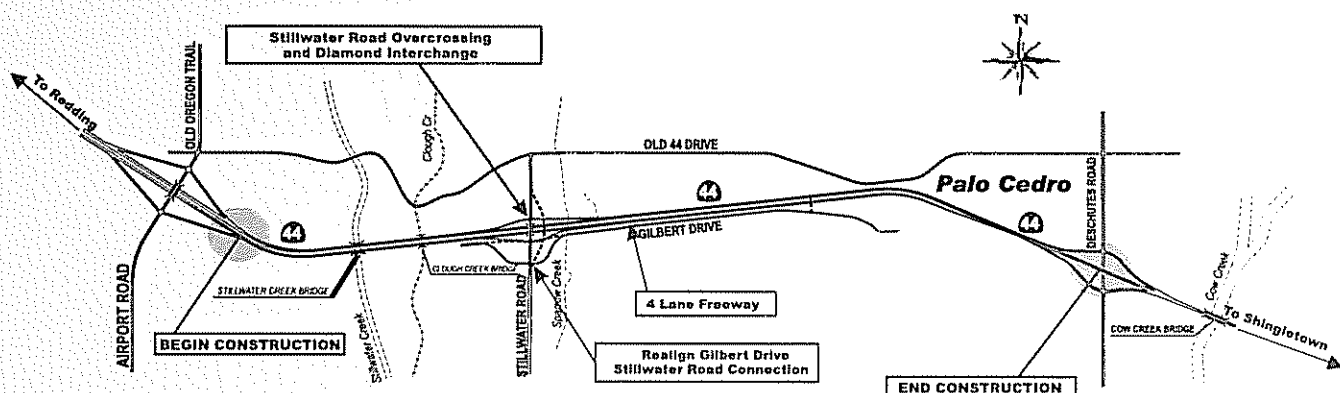
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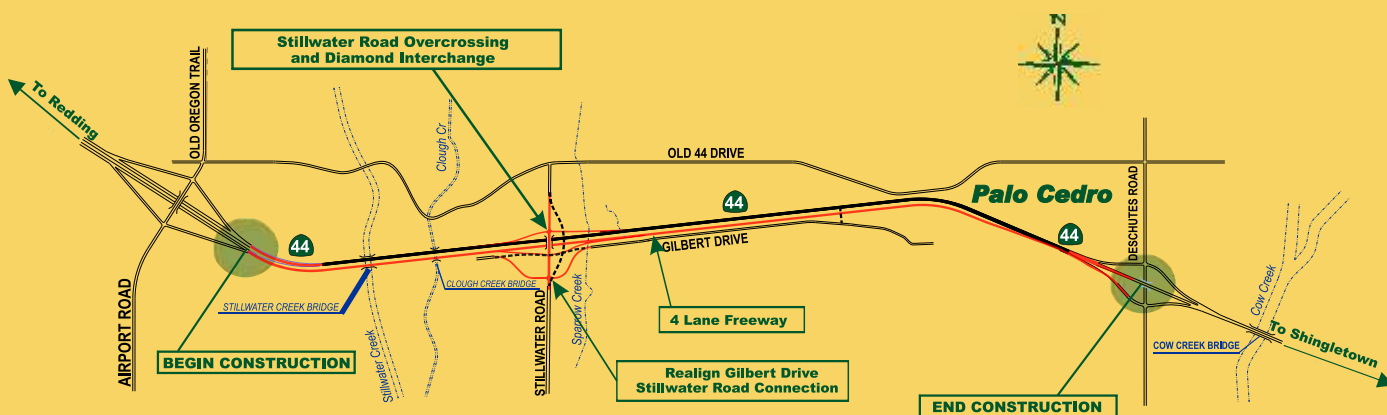
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Stillwater Improvements **Purpose & Need**

PURPOSE

- To improve the operations of the State Route 44/Stillwater Road intersection.
- To increase safety at the State Route 44/Stillwater Road intersection.
- To increase capacity of State Route 44.
- To provide access to and from Stillwater Road to the local and regional transportation system.



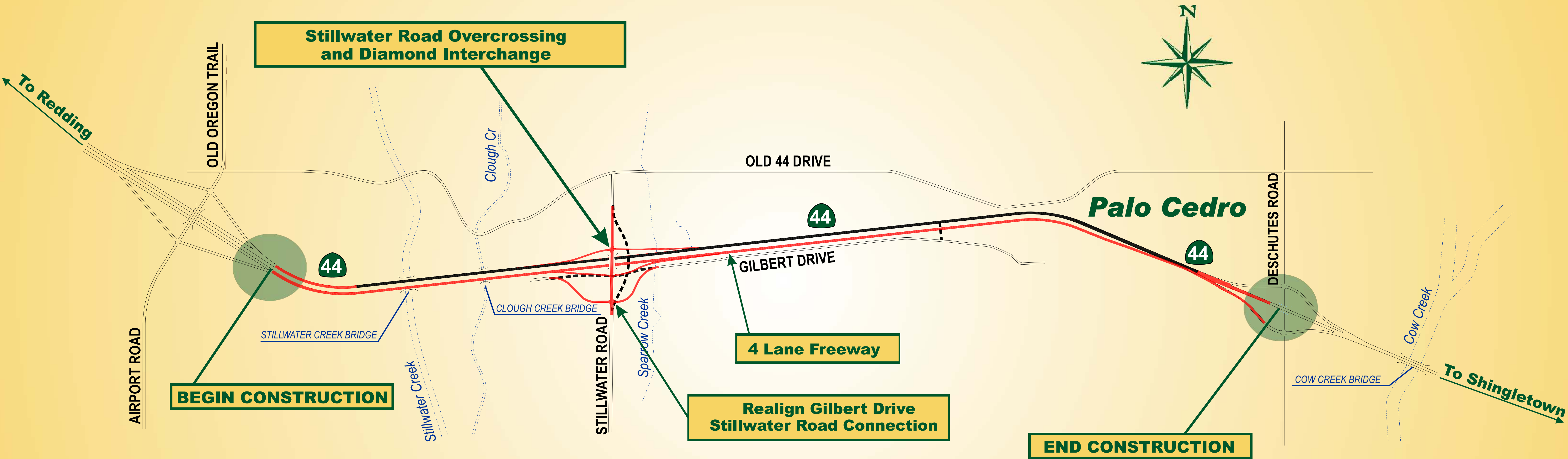
NEED

The project is needed in order to improve the existing intersection at Stillwater Road and State Route 44. At the current traffic volumes, the delay experienced by traffic waiting to turn left onto State Route 44 or Stillwater Road can be excessive during peak hours.

All options for this intersection provide for an overpass across State Route 44. This separation will eliminate conflicts at this intersection and improve the safety and operations of the corridor.

In addition, various options provide for increased capacity on State Route 44, which is anticipated to need four lanes by the year 2024. Other options increase access by extending frontage roads to the next closest interchange, which will also increase the operation and capacity of State Route 44 by diverting local traffic to the frontage road system.





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District 2

STIP Progress Report December 2004



Stillwater

County: Shasta **Project Manager:** Dave Moore **Project Description:** New interchange and widen to four-lane freeway.
Route: 44 **E-Mail:** dave_moore@dot.ca.gov **Project Funding:** 50% RIP and 50% IIP for the Environmental phase
EA/PPNO: 02-36840/0137 **Phone:** (530) 225-3101
PM: R3.6/R7.0
KP: R5.8/R11.3 **Current Phase(s):** ENV

NOT PROGRAMMED

Component	Programmed Funding				Unfunded Need	Budget	Expended as of Oct 31, 2004	Estimate at Complete (EAC)	Budget for Combined SB45 Components	% of Combined SB45 Budget Expended	EAC for Combined SB45 Components	% EAC of Budget
	RIP		IIP		Future Funding	Programmed						
	FY yy/yy	\$	FY yy/yy	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%	\$	%
ENV	00/01	440,000	00/01	440,000		880,000	825,000	\$980,000	880,000	94%	980,000	111%
PS&E					3,900,000							
R/W SUP					900,000							
R/W CAP					3,000,000							
CON SUP					3,300,000							
CON CAP					27,000,000							
TOTAL		440,000		440,000	38,100,000	880,000	825,000	980,000	880,000	94%	980,000	111%
Schedule (Milestone Dates)		% Complete		Project Status								
PA&ED 05/01/05		90%		Environmental Document Type: ND/FONSI On target for a May delivery								
PS&E		0%		NOT PROGRAMMED - Delivery set for Winter 2007/08 with programming in 2006 STIP.								
RWC		0%		NOT PROGRAMMED								
ENV PERMITS		0%		NOT PROGRAMMED								
CCA		0%		NOT PROGRAMMED								

Six-month History: Environmental field studies in support of the environmental document have been completed. A consultant was used for the dry season Fairy Shrimp surveys due to the lack of available qualified staff. Draft environmental document (DED) and draft project report (DPR) are nearing completion and almost ready for public circulation. The project alternatives have been reduced to one viable option. The project development team has been updating the future needs for the project. The draft unfunded needs are shown above.

Six-month Forecast: The DED and DPR will be completed and circulated for public review in February. A public meeting will be held during this time period. Over the next few months, Caltrans should conclude informal technical consultation with the USFWS on impacts to Fairy Shrimp habitat. A concurrence letter from the USFWS is necessary prior to completion of the environmental document. The environmental document and project report should be completed by May. After which, the project be shelved until additional funding is programmed.

RTPA Action: The PS&E, R/W, and Construction components will need to be programmed to keep project moving forward. A STIP Amendment will be needed if the Federal Transportation Bill approval includes the High Priority Program (earmark) funds for this project.

Stillwater Improvements Future Funding Component Needs

Design	\$3,900,000
Right of Way Support.....	\$900,000
Right of Way Capital.....	\$3,000,000
Construction Support.....	\$3,300,000
Construction	\$27,000,000
Total Future Funding Needs	\$38,100,000

The above figures represent the current preliminary cost estimates and the future needs for the Stillwater project. The final estimates will be available upon completion of the Final project report, which is scheduled for completion next spring. The preliminary cost estimates have not been adjusted for the anticipated year of delivery, due to uncertainties of available funding capacity and actual fiscal year programming.