



# SR 99/120 Connector CHRONICLES

## A bird's-eye view

**SR 99/120 Connector**

**Austin Road Bridge Construction Update**

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## SR 99/120 Connector hoist girders in project's latest major milestone

Motorists on State Route 99 near Austin Road have seen major changes in the past few months to the San Joaquin Council of Governments' highway-to-highway State Route 99/120 Connector project.

But they haven't seen all the changes.

Ever since the 1950s-era Austin Road bridge came down to make room for a longer bridge to span new lanes for State Route 99 and Union Pacific Railroad tracks, crews have installed electric conduit and boxes for future lighting, signal conduits along Woodard Avenue, storm drains and other infrastructure.

Other work motorists might not have seen was done to prepare supports for the new bridge, erosion control, survey and grading for improved intersections, and more.

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## Who benefits?

The project will benefit everyone living, working and traveling in San Joaquin County as it improves safety, eases traffic congestion, enhances mobility and goods movement, and reduces greenhouse gas emissions for better air quality.





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What's above ground and visible is a really exciting part of the progress being made on the project. Heavy equipment was used for pile driving, crane operations, and installing forms into which to pour concrete. Cranes this week began placing girders – or very large horizontal concrete beams – onto new columns. (See video.) The girders eventually will support the bridge deck on which vehicles will travel.

Crews also prepared and paved sections of State Route 99 and the connector ramp, and did other work.

And the visible work isn't just on the freeway. Crews

have been working to make the transition from freeway driving to city streets as smooth as possible. That included grading and paving intersections, open-trench work for sewers, manholes, and utilities, and adding concrete medians and curbs. It also meant lowering, repaving and restriping Moffat Boulevard, and adding new signal and lighting poles at intersections and along city streets.

Crews will continue to work on the Austin Road bridge for several more weeks, adding the deck and other features, and eventually building slopes on either end of the bridge to allow traffic to gradually move from the bridge to the street level.

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