

The 2014 Regional Transportation Plan for Merced County identifies several major regionally significant projects needed to serve existing communities and planned growth. The projects lists are consistent with the state’s Interregional Transportation Improvement Program (ITIP) as well as with MCAG’s own Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP).

LOS BANOS BYPASS – HIGHWAY 152

Description Construct a new 4 lane bypass of 9 miles around the City of Los Banos

Cost \$350 million

Status In Right-of-Way acquisition

Phases			
Segment 1	\$44 million	Construct a new 4 lane expressway from Highway 165 to Santa Fe Grade	In right of way
Segment 2	\$154 million	Construct a new 4 lane expressway from west of Los Banos to Highway 165	In design
Segment 3	\$150 million	Three full interchanges	In design

Necessity

- Relieves congestion – 152 through Los Banos is heavily congested now
- Improves safety
- Improves flow of interregional traffic
- Separate interregional and goods movement traffic from local traffic
- High-priority focus route in State interregional plan
- Highway 152 cannot be expanded on the current alignment

ATWATER-MERCED EXPRESSWAY

Summary Construct a new 4 lane expressway from Green Sands to Highway 59/Bellevue, and from Highway 99 to Highway 140

Cost \$180 million (only 1B and 2)

Status Design

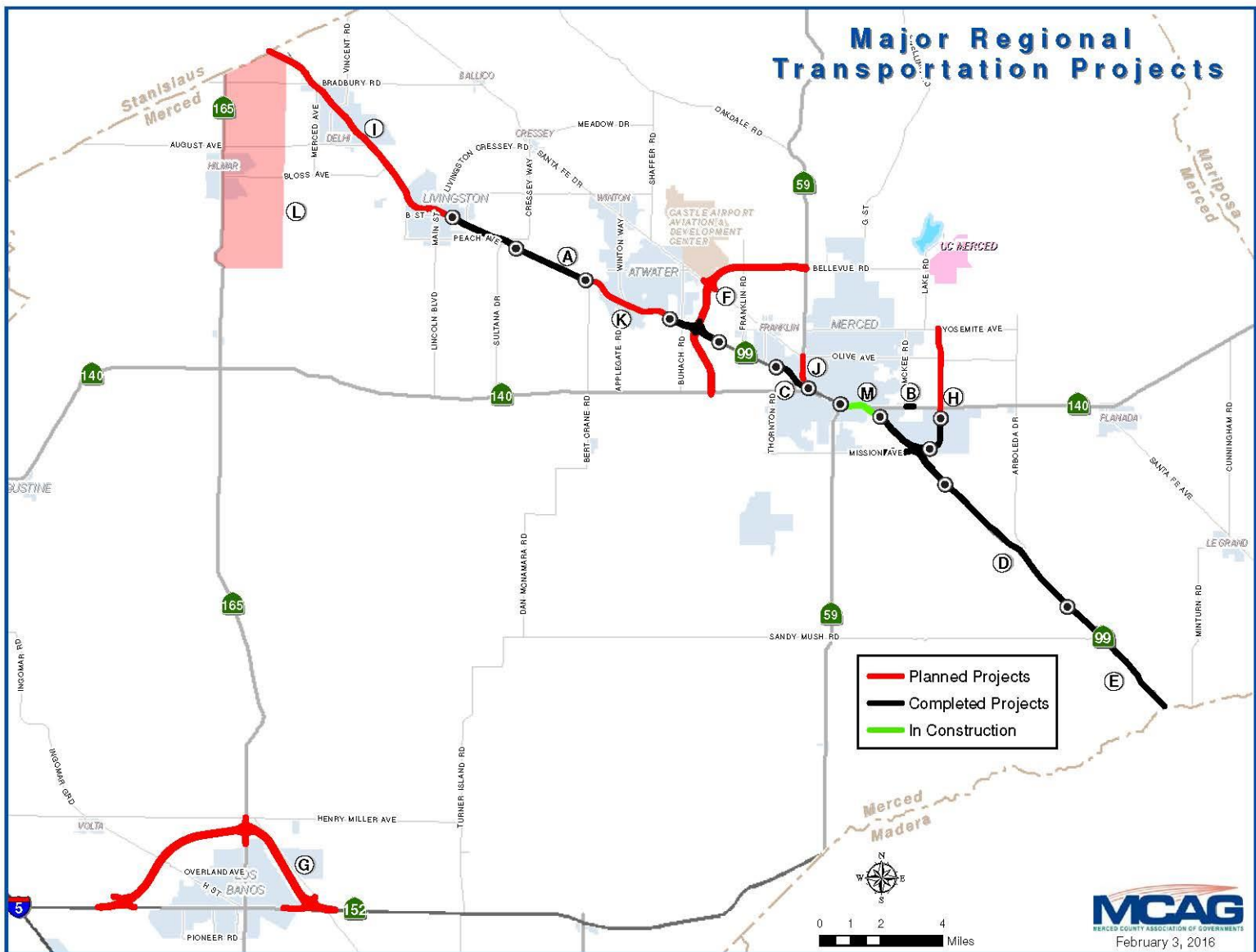
Phases			
Phase 1B	\$96 million	Construct a new 4 lane expressway from Green Sands to Santa Fe Drive	Needs Design
Phase 2	\$84 million	Continue the new 4 lane expressway from Santa Fe Drive to Bellvue/Highway 59	Needs Design

Necessity

- Improve access to Castle Airport and Development Center
- Provide additional north/south capacity for growth in Atwater and Merced
- Create an alternate route for existing Highway 59 in Merced

HIGHWAY 99 WIDENING (TO 6 LANES) PROJECTS

Project	Cost	Description	Status
Livingston-Delhi	\$74 million	Widen Highway 99 from 4 to 6 lanes through Livingston and Delhi (from Hammatt to Turlock)	Partially Funded
Atwater	\$ 280-325 million	Widen Highway 99 from 4 to 6 lanes through Atwater (from Buhach/AME to Westside); Includes new Applegate IC	Planned only
Merced	\$240 million	Widen Highway 99 from 4 to 6 lanes through Merced (from Childs to Buhach/AME)	Planned only



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