

**Request:** The total project cost for Campus Parkway Segment 2 is \$33 million. The region is looking for a federal investment of \$19 million to be used solely for construction as the project is “shovel ready”. Project funding is currently being pursued through TIGER and FASTLANE, with applications having been submitted by MCAAG and the City of Merced, respectively. Our region has a strong local commitment with the County of Merced, City of Merced, MCAAG and UC Merced each contributing financially to the project.

**Description:** Campus Parkway Segment 2 involves the construction of a new 4-lane limited access expressway on the east side of the City of Merced extending from Childs Avenue to north of State Route 140. Segment 2 continues from Segment 1 which was completed in 2010.

The Campus Parkway project will create new middle-class jobs, serve the new University of California, Merced and its prospective community, and connect three state highways (99, 140 and 59). The project will spur planned development, including a new industrial distribution center and a planned regional major commercial center – **creating 5,800 jobs**. It will be one leg of a loop system to relieve congestion and improve commuter and goods movement traffic flow.

**Necessity:**

- Provides primary link to University of California and growing University Community
- Creates additional north-south arterial within rapidly growing Merced region
- Creates jobs in an Economically Distressed Area (unemployment consistently above 15%)
- Part of Loop System around Merced to improve traffic flow
- Enables economic development in eastern and northern Merced
- Provides corridor for transit and bicycle facilities to UC Merced with the development of a Class 1 Bike Path which will interconnect with existing bicycle network
- Project includes a Park & Ride facility to encourage commuters to rideshare with easy access to Highways 99, 140 and 59
- Creates the second north-south route in Merced that will not have an at-grade crossing of the BNSF railroad

**Beneficiaries:**

- Merced residents and businesses
- UC Merced students, faculty, staff and visitors
- University Community (planned for 30,000 residents)
- Highway travelers
- Tourists traveling to Yosemite National Park



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