

South Fresno State Route 99 Corridor Project

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Project— Fresno County

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Project Description

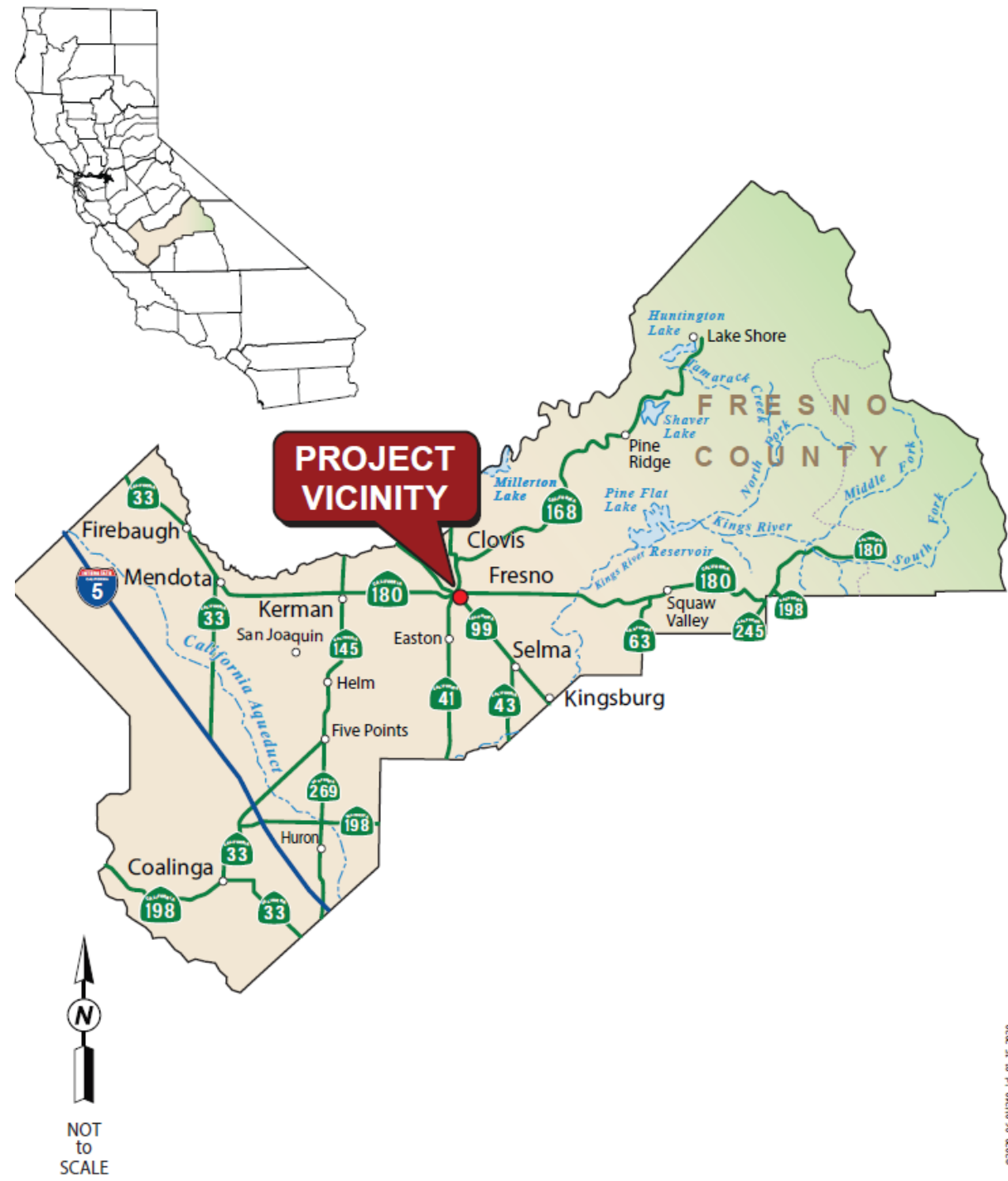
Caltrans EA 06-0H240 – Fresno County

Caltrans, in cooperation with the Fresno Council of Governments, Fresno County and City of Fresno, proposes to reconstruct two existing half interchanges where State Route 99 intersects with American Avenue and North Avenue by expanding them to full interchanges and bringing them into compliance with current Caltrans design standards.

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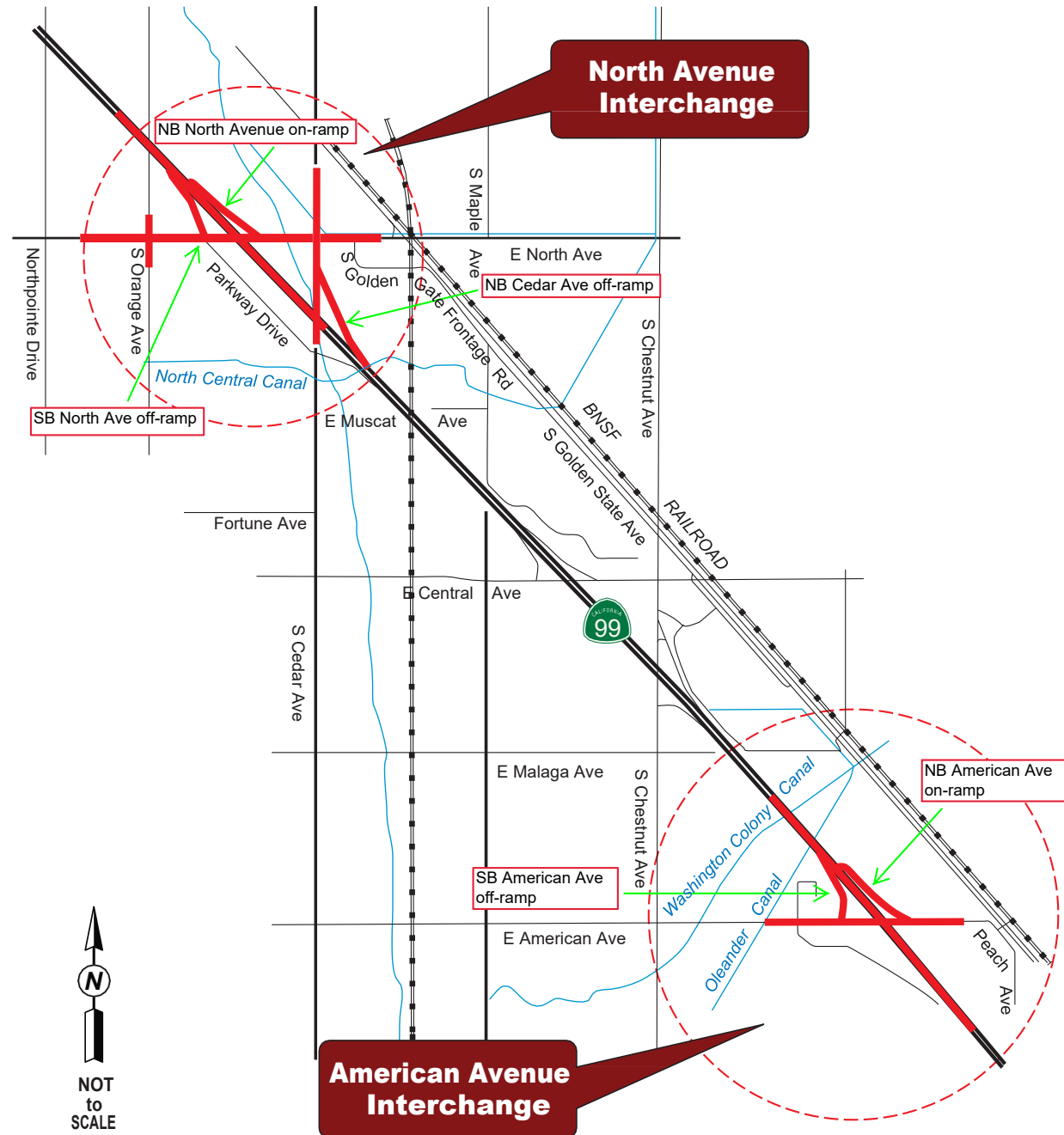
Project Vicinity

This project lies at the southern boundary of the city of Fresno in Fresno County in the center of the San Joaquin Valley.



Project Location

The interchanges are located within a major transportation corridor that includes State Route 99, the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad line, Golden State Boulevard, and California High-Speed Rail line, which is currently under construction.



Traffic Findings Summary

- Construction of the full interchanges will enable drivers to directly access SR-99 instead of taking local, non-continuous routes to get to their destination.
- No new truck traffic will be added, as the proposed project will be built to serve the already established commercial and retail industry. Growth in AADT by Opening to Traffic and Design/Horizon years are due to normal anticipated population increase.
- The redesigned interchanges and associated intersections will improve traffic flow and efficiency, improve direct access to SR-99, improve LOS, and contribute to overall better air quality.
- Additional traffic already in the area is expected to use the interchanges instead of driving on local streets to and from destinations in the project area. The increased traffic at the interchanges are considered to be mostly from a redistribution of traffic. The adjacent interchanges of Central Avenue and Chestnut Avenue would see a decrease in traffic due to the improvements, and so would local roads and intersections near the highway in the project area.

Project Listing in the FTIP/CTIPS

This project is regionally significant; therefore, it was listed in the Fresno Council of Governments (FCOG) 2019 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)(Formal Amendment #12) and the FCOG 2018 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)(Formal Amendment #3) .

Project Level Conformity Summary

Based on the projected traffic above, Caltrans has determined that the South Fresno SR 99 Corridor Project should be assessed as NOT a POAQC for the following reasons:

- The Truck AADTs for the future Build Alternative are consistent with growth associated with anticipated future population, not an influx of traffic due to a new industrial/commercial/trucking facility. The project will not cause a significant increase in the number of diesel vehicles in the project area.
- Mainline SR-99 volumes are not affected by the improvements proposed by the project.
- Construction of full interchanges will give vehicles direct access to SR-99, thus improving safety, efficiency and maneuverability for all motorists.

Final Project level Conformity Determination and Ongoing Progress

- Air Quality Conformity Analysis was submitted to FHWA on September 2, 2022.
- FHWA issued conformity determination on October 3, 2022.
- Final Environmental Document was signed on January 24, 2023.
- Caltrans is currently in the PS&E phase of the project.