




SR 198 at ROAD 148 INTERCHANGE

# PROJECT INFORMATION

<p><b>PROJECT DESCRIPTION</b></p>	<p>Caltrans, in partnership with the City of Visalia and the Tulare County Association of Governments, proposes to construct a new interchange at Road 148 and State Route 198 in the City of Visalia in Tulare County. The interchange will provide connections for vehicles, pedestrians, and active transportation users, enhancing travel options for residents.</p>
<p><b>PURPOSE &amp; NEED</b></p>	<p><b>The project would:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve mobility through eastern Visalia</li> <li>• Accommodate planned local and regional development</li> <li>• Improve the circulation of local roads and connectivity to State Route 198</li> </ul> <p>The project is needed to accommodate increasing growth and traffic demands that have generated current and forecasted traffic operations deficiencies for the existing facilities. Two existing interchanges along State Route 198—Lover’s Lane and Road 156—approximately 1 mile west and east of the proposed project location are operating at capacity. A traffic operational analysis indicates that operations at these interchanges would fail during peak hours in the year 2052.</p>
<p><b>FUNDING SOURCES</b></p>	<p>Funding for future phases would be from state, local, and federal sources. The Project Initiation Document phase is funded by the Tulare County Association of Governments.</p>
<p><b>ESTIMATED PROJECT COST</b></p>	<p>\$135–\$165 million</p>
<p><b>PROJECT STATUS</b></p>	<p>The project is currently in the Project Initiation Document phase.</p>
<p><b>PROJECT WEBPAGE</b></p>	<p><b>Project page and meeting information:</b>  <a href="https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-1c290">https://dot.ca.gov/caltrans-near-me/district-6/district-6-projects/06-1c290</a> →</p> 

**TENTATIVE  
PROJECT  
SCHEDULE**

- Project Initiation Document ..... June 2025
- Programming (State Transportation Improvement Program adoption by the California Transportation Commission) ..... March 2026
- Begin Environmental ..... July 2026
- Complete Environmental ..... July 2029
- Complete Design and Right of Way ..... July 2032
- Begin Construction ..... December 2032
- Complete Construction ..... October 2035

**CONTACT  
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**PUBLIC  
OUTREACH**

**Please take our survey and attend one of our public meetings to share your thoughts:**

**Mineral King Elementary School**  
3333 E. Kaweah Ave., Visalia, CA  
Location: Cafeteria  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Date: Thursday, February 20

**Visalia Convention Center**  
303 E. Acequia Ave., Visalia, CA  
Location: Charter Oak Ballroom C&D  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Date: Wednesday, February 26

**Virtual Public Meeting**  
Scan the QR code to access the virtual meeting website  
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Date: Tuesday, March 4

