

STATE ROUTE 44 DANA TO DOWNTOWN PROJECT

FACT SHEET

The Project

The Dana to Downtown Project is on State Route 44 between Interstate 5 and downtown Redding. The project will relieve congestion in the greater Redding area, improve highway safety, supplement the Redding bike trail system and provide an enhanced gateway into downtown Redding.

Project highlights include:

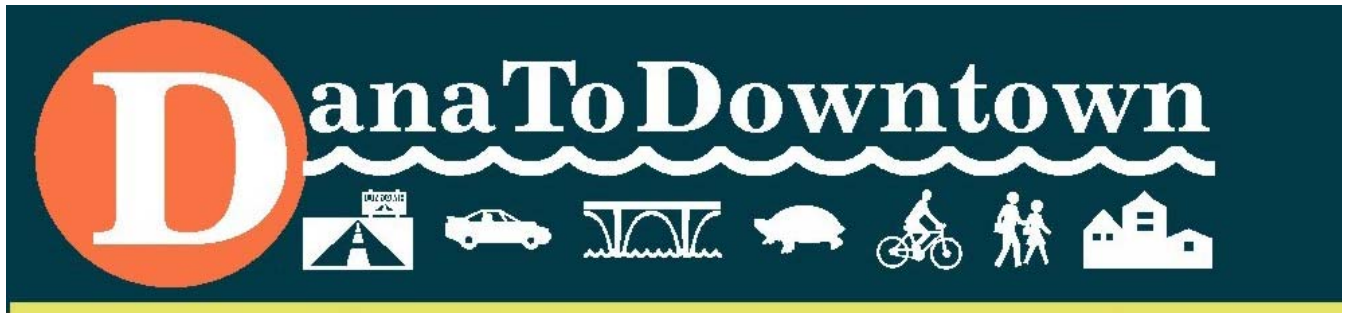
- Additional westbound and eastbound lanes from downtown Redding to Interstate 5
- Replacement of the Route 44 bridge across the Sacramento River
- Reconstruction of the Turtle Bay/Sundial Bridge interchange (primary access into the Turtle Bay and Sundial Bridge area).
- Construction of a new on-ramp from the Dana-Hilltop retail/commercial area to westbound Route 44 and downtown Redding.
- Construction of a bike/pedestrian path from the Turtle Bay/Sundial Bridge area across the Sacramento River underneath I-5 to the Dana-Hilltop retail/commercial area.
- Landscape planting and metal artwork sculptures will be placed in the raised median planter.
- Decorative fence and railing on the overcrossing and Sacramento River Bridge
- Ornamental lighting and decorative walls along local roads and the bike/ped path
- Dept. of Fish & Game required monitoring of bald eagles
- Extensive public outreach, EagleCam
- Wetland mitigation

Project Schedule

- Began Construction – April 2008
- End Construction – September 2010 (9 months ahead of schedule)

Partnership

This project was a joint undertaking by Caltrans, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Shasta Regional Transportation Planning Agency.



Project Costs

This \$66.3 million project was funded with Shasta County RIP and Caltrans IIP funds, including approximately 90% from the Prop 1B. Fifty-four percent of the project is funded from State transportation revenues approved by the RTPA while the remaining 46 percent comes from State transportation revenues approved by Caltrans.

Coming Attractions

Bike/Pedestrian Path completion: The Bike/Pedestrian path will be opened for a “preview” during the Dana to Downtown Ribbon Cutting ceremony. It will be closed after the ceremony for the next two weeks to finish the erosion control and fencing and to complete other finishing work.

Median planting completion: The low maintenance landscape plantings and decorative sculptures going into the median planter box will be completed within the next two weeks.

Landscape project: A separate project to landscape the slopes along State Route 44 will begin next spring.

Ramp Meter: A fully functional ramp meter has been planned and installed on the new Dana onramp. The ramp meter will be activated as needed based upon connector ramp volumes. Metering traffic will maintain the traffic flow on State Route 44 by breaking up the long lines of cars that enter the freeway, thus reducing turbulence in merge zones. Overall travel and freeway speeds are improved.