



# PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Visalia and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) propose three Alternatives to achieve operational improvement at the Lovers Lane Interchange:

- A. Lovers Lane/Noble Avenue Intersection – Remove raised median; add a 2nd left-turn lane to the southbound and northbound approach on Lovers Lane; construct a 2nd eastbound receiving lane; construct a westbound right-turn lane on Noble; reconstruct signals; upgrade existing ramps to current design standards.
- B. Lovers Lane/SR 198 Eastbound (EB) Ramps Intersection – Remove raised median on Lovers Lane; construct a right-turn lane on EB off ramp; construct right-turn lane on Lovers Lane for EB on ramp; reconstruct the signals and upgrade the existing ramps to current design standards.
- C. Lovers Lane Undercrossing – Remove raised median; extend existing left-turn lanes in both directions; remove existing return walls and sidewalks; construct new retaining and curtain walls with crash cushions; construct new sidewalks behind the proposed curtain wall; add bike lanes; install dedicated right turn lane on Lovers Lane to Mineral King Ave.
- D. Lovers Lane/Mineral King Avenue Intersection – Remove raised median on Lovers Lane; add a second southbound left-turn lane on Lovers Lane; construct a second eastbound receiving lane to trap the lane into the westbound on ramp at Mineral King; construct a northbound designated right-turn lane on Mineral King; reconstruct the signals and upgrade the existing ramps to current design standards.
- E. Mineral King Avenue/State Route (SR) 198 Westbound (WB) Ramps Intersection – Add WB left-turn channelization; construct a continuous designated right-turn lane from Mineral King Ave. to the SR 198 westbound on ramp.



# PROJECT DESCRIPTION CONTINUED

## Alternative 1:

Alternative 1 includes all components listed above, and proposes to leave Mineral King Avenue as a two way east/west corridor. The intersection of Mineral King Avenue and the westbound on/off ramps will have a stop control for vehicles exiting the freeway only. East/west traffic will not have a stop.

## Alternative 2:

Alternative 2 proposes to close Mineral King Avenue at Buck Road (Stapp Drive) to through traffic and reconstruct the westbound on/off ramps. Westbound traffic along Mineral King Avenue would be re-routed north along McAuliff Street, then west along Mill Creek Parkway to Lovers Lane.

## Alternative 3:

Alternative 3 is a “No Build” alternative. It will not provide any operational improvements, and will not meet the project’s purpose and need.





## INFORMATION SHEET

### Lovers Lane Operational Improvement Project at State Route 198

*Thursday May 26, 2016*

Project Purpose	To improve the facility by constructing near term improvements to reduce congestion and delays and to improve the traffic operations level of service (LOS) at the intersection of Lovers Lane and State Route 198, between Noble Ave and Mineral King Ave.
Project Description	<p>The City of Visalia and the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) propose three Alternatives to achieve operational improvements at the Lovers Lane Interchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alternative 1&amp;2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New sidewalks behind the proposed curtain wall on both sides.</li> <li>○ Dedicated right-turn on Lovers Lane to Mineral King Ave.</li> <li>○ Convert the existing back-to-back left-turn lanes to side-by-side left-turn lanes by removing the curbed median and restriping the existing pavement.</li> <li>○ Add a 2<sup>nd</sup> southbound and northbound left turn on the Noble Ave. and Mineral King Ave. intersections.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alternative 2: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Includes all listed above, and blocks Mineral King Avenue at Buck Road (Stapp Drive). Westbound traffic will be rerouted north along McAuliff, then west along Mill Creek Parkway.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Alternative 3: Alternative 3 is a “No Build” alternative. It will not provide any operational improvements, and will not meet the project’s purpose and need.</li> </ul>
Project Cost	Approximately \$12,900,000
Project Timeline	<p>Construction Begin: Winter 2020</p> <p>Construction End: Fall 2021</p>

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