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$9 Million En Route for 132 Gateway Express Project

The U.S. Department of Transportation recently announced a $9 million Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) program grant for State Road 132, the Gateway Express Project in Modesto. The grant was issued as a result of persistent support from U.S. Representative Jeff Denham.

"At a time when we see increased congestion and travel times, this project will move trucks around the city and improve commute times on local roads," said Rep. Denham. "Efficiently transporting our agricultural commodities from the Valley is critical to our economy, and this grant will get Valley goods to market faster while reducing traffic and improving the public safety of Modesto residents."

The $9 million grant will be used for the first phase of a newly-constructed, two-lane highway traveling east/west around Modesto. The Gateway Express Project will increase capacity by allowing trucks to avoid the most populous areas of the city. Approximately 8.2 million tons of freight per year, or 34,000 tons daily, are moved over SR-132 to and from the I-5 corridor. The project will allow for continued growth of Valley agricultural exports.

Modesto was the only TIGER grant recipient in the state of California of the 41 total projects.

"SR132 is our region's number one transportation project. It is a key economic engine for region," said Matt Machado, Stanislaus County Director of Public Works. "Local agencies partnering together is a successful combination! Thank you Congressman Denham for your unwavering support!"

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