Greenley Road Extension Project History

* The Greenley Road Extension has been a high priority project in the Regional Transportation Plan for several decades.
* In the late 1980’s the County in cooperation with the City of Sonora secured federal funding for the project and completed an Environmental Impact Report. After extensive public testimony, the Board of Supervisors voted to not go forward with the project and in doing so, directed staff to study additional alignments.
* The County Public Works Department completed an alignment study of the North-South Corridor in 2006. The study looked at over 100 alternative alignments over a large geographic area. At the time it was recommended that the Stage I Greenley Road alignment be further studied with more public outreach, direct consultation with property owners along the alignment and completion of a Preliminary Environmental Scoping document.
* Pursuant to the attached 2009 report to the Board of Supervisors, Greenley Road Extension was identified by both the County and City of Sonora as one of four priority projects for the Regional Traffic Impact Fee Program. After completion of (1) Mono Way widening, (2) Mono/Greenely Intersection widening and (3) Rawhide Bridge project, little to no money remains in the Traffic Impact mitigation Fund.
* In 2021, both the City of Sonora and TCTC earmarked $125,000 each ($250,000 total) to study alternative alignments of Greenley Road Extension as recommended in the 2006 County study.
* The TCTC Overall Work Program proposes completion of the SR49 Congested Corridor Plan and initiation of both the Five Lane Widening Project through Jamestown and initiation of the North-South Connector Stage I Project.
* Caltrans completed the Congested Corridor Program for SR 49 (2021). After studying both western and eastern alignments of a north-south bypass of Sonora, the Congested Corridor Plan recognized the Greenley Road extension as the best means to addressing traffic congestion in Sonora.
* Sonora City Council Resolution 05-03-2021-A. The Council voted 5-0 to adopt this resolution that reestablishes the Greenely Road Extension as a Priority Regional Road Improvement Project and urges the Tuolumne County Transportation Council to prioritize funding for the project.
* SB1 provides billions in funding to the Congested Corridor Program. Completion of the SR 49 Congested Corridor Plan, and identification of Greenley Road Extension as needed project is a prerequisite to receiving funding through the very competitive Congested Corridor program. It should be noted, that if a local road project is recommended as a project to address congestion on the State Highway System, 100% funding of construction is possible. The program does not pay for environmental review. Therefore, local sources will be needed to cover EIR costs.
* At a joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors and City Council on December 17th the Greenley Road Extension project was discussed as a project of mutual interest.
* FY 2022/23 TCTC budget includes $235,284 to advance the Greenley Road Extension project.