

Tab 78

OLANCHA AND CARTAGO EXPRESSWAY PROJECT

Caltrans District 9



PROJECT BACKGROUND

- ▶ This project completes the US 395 corridor in Inyo County
- ▶ Fatal collision rate in this two-lane portion is more than double the statewide average
- ▶ Provides vital accessibility for surrounding communities and visitors traveling to Death Valley and Yosemite National Parks, Mammoth Mountain, and Mount Whitney
- ▶ Priority Interregional Highway connecting Southern California to northern Nevada
- ▶ No parallel facilities exist



SCOPE OF WORK

- ▶ Upgrade 12.6 miles of US 395 in Inyo County to four-lane, access-controlled expressway
- ▶ Separates opposing traffic, controls access points, and provides adequate shoulder widths



RECENT UPDATES

- ▶ **June 2023** – Construction halted in 3-mile segment of project
- ▶ **July 2023** – Caltrans Director Tavares and FHWA California Administrator Mammano conduct consultation with Tribal representatives
- ▶ **July 2023** – District begins daily and weekly engagement with Tribal partners on project redesign
- ▶ **Oct 2023** – Work resumes in the area on a redesigned roadway



COST IMPACTS

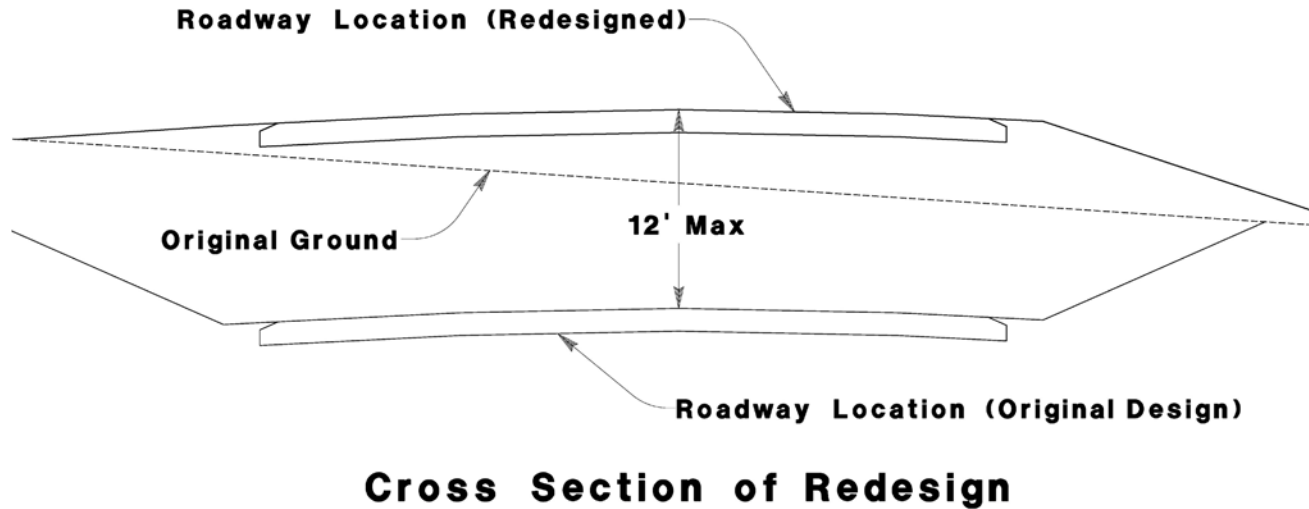
- ▶ Record-breaking storms in 2022/2023 and Hurricane Hilary damaged slopes, drainage, and uncompleted roadway, causing delays and requiring extensive repair
- ▶ Additional archeological finds resulted in work shutdowns, increased security and monitoring, and a project redesign
- ▶ Added costs for earthwork, aggregate base, hot mix asphalt, drainage systems, and time-related impacts





PROJECT REDESIGN

- ▶ Realigned or lifted the profile on 19.2 lane-miles of roadway
- ▶ Added 255,000 cubic yards of fill
- ▶ Raised the profile up to 12 feet





SCHEDULE

- ▶ Construction began: January 31, 2022
- ▶ Original completion date: February 2024
- ▶ Amended completion date: November 2025

PROJECT COMPLETION

- ▶ Completion of the project will require:
 - \$33,200,000 increase in Construction Capital
 - \$5,100,000 increase in Construction Support







