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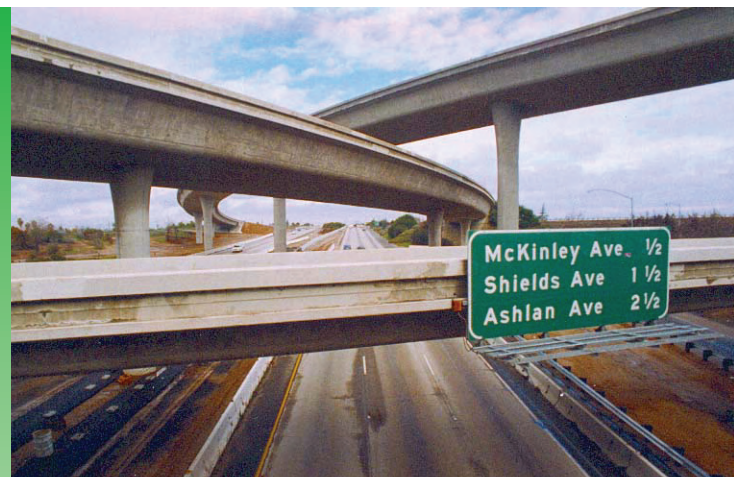
Transportation Transformation Moves Fresno into the 21st Century

Measure C continues to work for Fresno. Since Measure C was approved in 1986, the ½-cent sales tax initiative for transportation improvement has funded numerous improvements and new developments that have dramatically transformed the transportation infrastructure for everyone in the Fresno Metropolitan area.

Partnering under the umbrella of this transportation measure, Caltrans, the County of Fresno, and the cities in Fresno County will continue to meet its promised commitments:

- **To build a complete freeway system**
- **To leverage State and Federal dollars to deliver a \$1.6 billion program**
- **To leave a system that allows for expansion for future needs**
- **To leave a track record of responsible and accountable spending of local sales tax dollars.**

Once a modest stop along the Central Pacific Railway, the Fresno area is quickly becoming one of the most prosperous and fastest growing regions in California. Marked by its rapidly expanding economy with a host of developmental opportunities, the area's landscape has changed dramatically since the late 1980s when Measure C was enacted.



View of Rose Ann Vuich Interchange

Today, as Fresno County continues to grow and our population approaches the one million mark, a strong transportation system is critical. Not only do our roads and other systems of transportation contribute to the overall economic growth of the region, they also improve personal mobility and contribute to the quality of life enjoyed by our local residents; which is why Measure C is of such great importance.

Since voters first approved Measure C in November of 1986, more than 250 miles of improvements have been made, making streets and roads safer, less congested and better connected in every community in Fresno County.

During this last fiscal year Measure C has accomplished much, including several key, ongoing and completed transportation projects. These include:

- **Construction of the Academy Avenue corridor**
- **Major construction on the Route 180 East (Chestnut to Clovis Avenue)**
- **Route 180 West (from Highway 99 to the Hughes/West Diagonal)**

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Message from the Chairman

As Chairman of the Fresno County Transportation Authority, I am once again pleased to present the Annual Report for the Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

As you will see, the implementation of the sales tax has allowed the Authority to allocate monies to the Cities in Fresno County (as well as Fresno County Public Works) for the continuance of transportation improvement projects for their immediate needs.

The completion of construction of Routes 41 South and 168 and the continuing construction of Routes 180 East and 180 West are made possible by Measure C funding. In addition, the major Rural project along Academy Avenue under construction is funded by Measure C. Freeways were not the only expenditure for Measure monies.

The County has been allocated \$45,938,072.39 to date and the 15 Cities have been allocated \$85,483,412.38.

These funds were used by these entities for their priority improvements or repairs.

The Measure C program is "winding down". It has been underway since 1987 and sunsets in 2007. The promise of Measure C has been kept, and we continue looking forward to your support.

Sincerely,

Harry Armstrong
Chairman

Message from the Executive Director

We are presenting our second Annual Report under the new format for Measure C. We hope that you find this new and improved "user friendly report" a much more convenient way to locate current information. Also, a summary of allocations for the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year is included.

Measure C has accomplished many important milestones. Transportation improvements are continuing with Routes 180 East and 180 West still under construction, as well as the County's improvement project on Academy Avenue. This is all possible due to Measure C Funding.

As the Chairman stated, millions have been allocated to Cities in the County and the County itself for transportation improvements, thus relieving congestion and again, only possible because of Measure C.

Obviously, we are continuing to bring about the completion of our program, which will sunset June 30, 2007, unless it is presented for extension.

We are proud that we have delivered and continue to deliver the promise of Measure C!

If you would like to keep abreast of the Measure's progress, you may contact our website at www.measureC.com.

Sincerely,

Donald E. DeMers
Executive Director



LOOKING DOWN THE ROAD:

Measure C Improves County Roads and Transportation

It was with tremendous foresight that the voters of Fresno County, in November 1986, passed by wide margin, the 1/2-cent sales tax increase known as Measure C.

At the time, Measure C’s title and purpose as presented to the voters was “Improving Roads and Transportation in Fresno County.” Looking back the Measure has proven its mettle as the catalyst for sweeping improvements and the overhaul of the entire transportation network.

The Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA), created by the Enabling Legislation, was authorized to impose the sales tax ordinance for

a 20-year period. The collection of the tax began on July 1, 1987.

Measure C has resulted in the implementation of the largest transportation public works project in Fresno County history. Current estimates indicate the local tax, leveraged with State, Federal and other funds, will result in extensive highway construction for the county, and an overall transportation program for three unique things:

- *An opportunity for cooperative planning and implementation of the 20-year transportation needs of the County*

- *An opportunity to build a system that can significantly meet the future needs of the County*
- *A chance for local jurisdictions to have local transportation-purpose funds readily available to address some of their immediate needs.*

The details of the Measure C program are described throughout the Annual Report. The strength of the whole program is its flexibility, its emphasis on cooperative planning and implementation, and its policy of 25% of funds for local transportation purposes and 75% of funds for construction programs.

LOCAL
TRANSPORTATION
PURPOSE FUND
ALLOCATIONS

One of the most unique elements of the Measure C Program is the Local Transportation-Purpose Funds Program.

Twenty-five (25%) percent of the proceeds of the retail transactions and use-tax is allocated to each city and to Fresno County for local priority improvement projects. The distribution of the funds is based on a formula incorporating street miles (25%) and proportionate population (75%), and most importantly, the funds are distributed immediately back to the communities.

A summary of the 2003-2004 allocations were spent as follows:

	2003-2004 WITH INTEREST RECEIPTS	TOTAL 1987 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2004
CLOVIS	944,822.41	9,912,673.64
FRESNO	5,693,334.44	64,103,889.87
COALINGA	197,499.26	1,791,400.12
FIREBAUGH	75,585.90	852,819.33
FOWLER	63,394.60	708,500.59
HURON	80,927.74	846,800.73
KERMAN	120,693.55	1,119,809.08
KINGSBURG	134,107.48	1,411,942.27
MENDOTA	104,847.86	1,232,374.39
ORANGE COVE	108,505.24	1,105,209.62
PARLIER	147,518.46	1,538,005.95
REEDLEY	265,777.30	3,001,224.72
SAN JOAQUIN	46,328.12	487,774.20
SANGER	251,147.13	2,938,043.64
SELMA	265,776.84	2,852,282.82
COUNTY OF FRESNO	3,681,558.77	45,938,072.39
TOTAL	11,239,602.13	127,739,926.00



Measure C Highway Construction Program

Urban

Approximately seventy-five (75%) percent of the proceeds of the Measure C tax is allocated for highway capital improvements, including administration, legal actions, planning, environmental review, design, construction and repairs. No more than seventy (70%) percent of these funds shall be allocated to improvements within the Fresno-Clovis Metropolitan Area, and no less than thirty (30%) percent of these funds shall be allocated for improvements within the rest of the County.

Expenditure Plan/Council of Governments

As the designated regional transportation agency for Fresno County, the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) is responsible for maintaining a continuing, coordinated and cooperative planning process. Based upon its annual transportation needs evaluation process, Fresno COG prepares a plan for expenditures of the sales tax revenues. The Transportation Authority is responsible for cooperatively implementing the plan.

Route 168

Route 180 to Temperance Avenue. "The Sierra Freeway," construction completed on a 12-mile, new urban freeway.



Aerial view of Route 168 – Clovis to Palo Alto

Route 180 West

Route 99 to Hughes/West Diagonal

Route 180 West (from Route 99 to the Hughes/West Diagonal) is complete and is opened as a four-lane expressway and a six-lane freeway in January 2004.

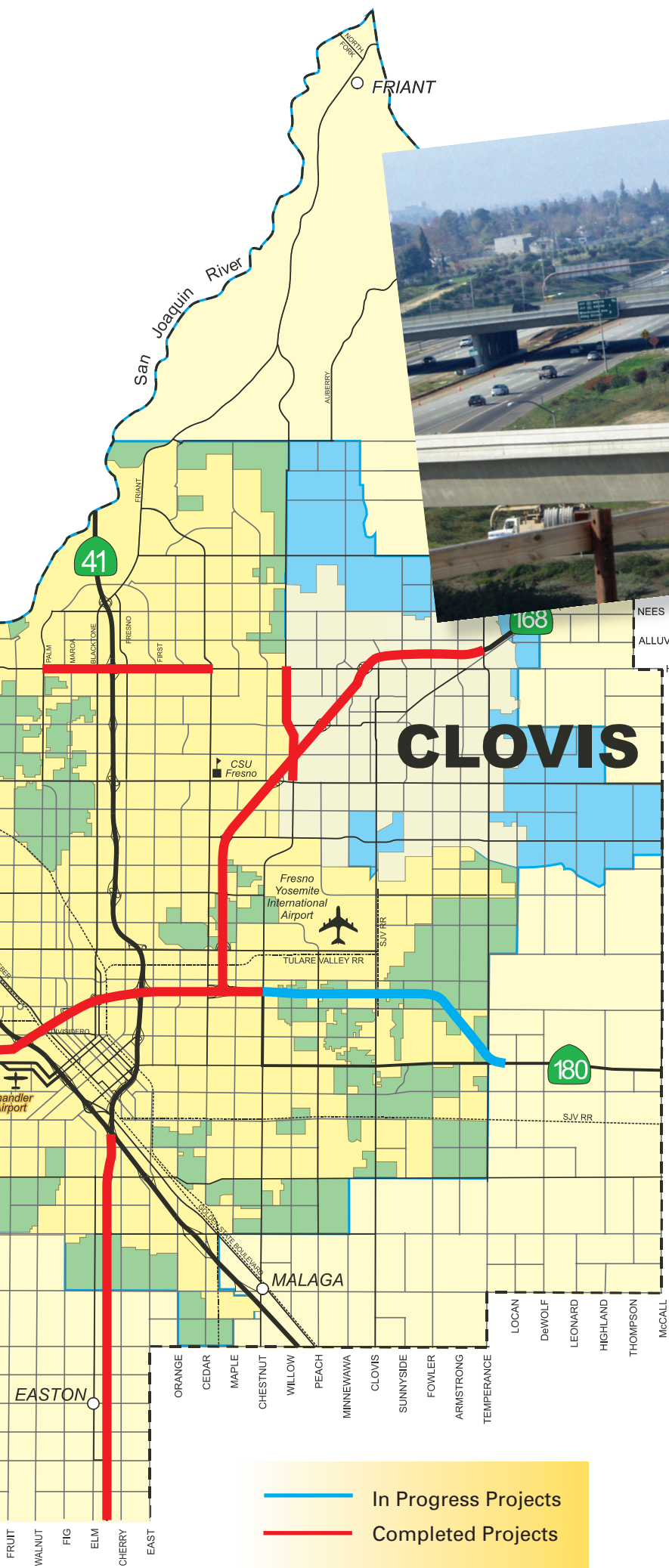
Hughes/West to Brawley

This segment of Route 180 West is currently under design and Right of Way is being acquired. It will be a two lane expressway.



Local dignitaries celebrate the ribbon cutting of Route 180 West





Route 180 East

Chestnut to Clovis Avenue

Major construction on Route 180 East is ongoing and will be completed this Summer.

Clovis to Temperance Avenue

This segment of Route 180 East is nearing final design and is scheduled to begin construction in 2008.





Measure C Highway Construction Program Rural

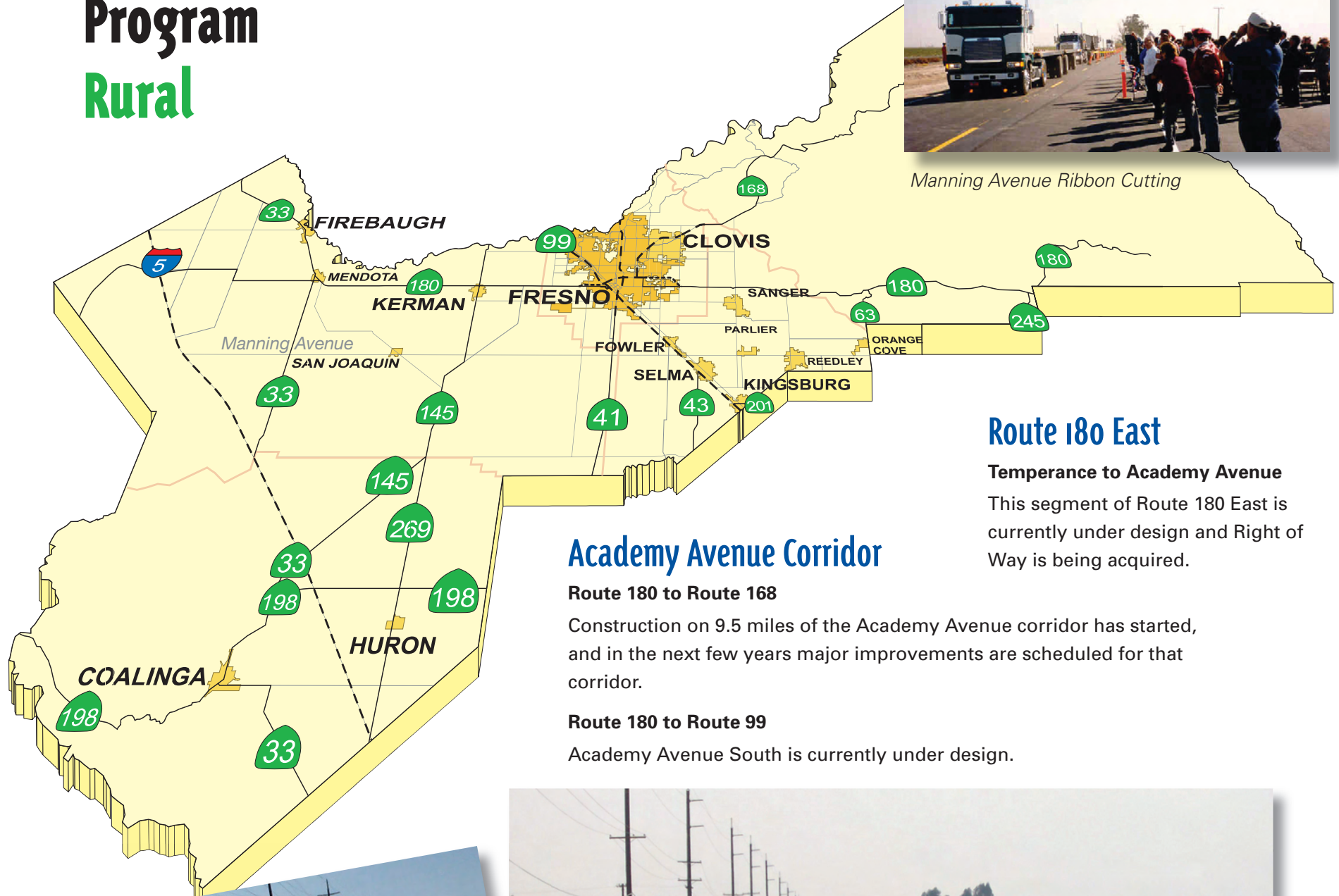
Manning Avenue

Ormsby to Contra Costa

Constuction completed on Manning Avenue totaling 13 miles of new highway.



Manning Avenue Ribbon Cutting



Route 180 East

Temperance to Academy Avenue

This segment of Route 180 East is currently under design and Right of Way is being acquired.

Academy Avenue Corridor

Route 180 to Route 168

Construction on 9.5 miles of the Academy Avenue corridor has started, and in the next few years major improvements are scheduled for that corridor.

Route 180 to Route 99

Academy Avenue South is currently under design.



THEN...

Academy & Shaw Avenue



NOW...

Academy & Shaw Avenue



Local Projects Funded by Measure C

A major benefit of Measure C is the flexibility each jurisdiction is given in regards to how their funding is allocated for the types of projects they want to implement. Each City and the County set their own priorities. The proceeds cannot be substituted for property tax funds currently used to finance existing local transportation programs.

Projects have been implemented in the following categories:

Streets and Roads Programs

These projects include construction and maintenance of freeways and streets throughout Fresno County.

Airport Improvement and Aviation Program Purposes

This category includes, but is not limited to, airport marketing systems, bond servicing, fencing, property acquisition, runways and taxiways and service roads.

Public Transportation Purposes

Measure C supports public transport projects including administration, acquisition, operations and repair.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities and Program Purposes

These projects include maintenance of bikeways and funding bicycle safety education programs.

Rail Facility and Service Purposes

Administration and Transportation Planning



Measure C

Major Milestones

- 1986-87** Voters approve Measure C, the Fresno County Transportation Authority is established, and a 20-year 1/2-cent sales tax for transportation improvements is implemented July 1, 1987 and will sunset June 30, 2007.
- 1988** The first Measure C Expenditure Plan for the delivery of major freeway projects is adopted.
- 1991** In one year, ground breaking for seven construction projects took place along Route 43, Route 99 (two), Route 145, Route 180 and Route 198 (two).
- 1991-93** The entire Urban/Rural freeway system is environmentally cleared.
- 1992** Route 180 between Route 99 and Route 41 ("The Gap") starts construction.
- 1992-97** Major freeway construction projects start on Route 41, Route 180, Route 43 and Route 201.
- 1998** The Fresno County Transportation Authority issues a \$75 million sales tax revenue bond to accelerate freeway construction.
- 1998-2001** The Sierra Freeway (Route 168 from Route 180), a brand-new 12-mile urban freeway built in four segments, is completed.
- 2003** The Deran Koligian Memorial Highway (Route 180 West from Route 99) is dedicated.
- 2004** The Measure C Local Transportation Purposes Program, which distributes 25% of all tax proceeds back to Fresno County and the cities of Fresno County, exceeds \$125 million to date.
- 2005** Sequoia-Kings Canyon Freeway opens to Clovis Avenue, expanding Route 180, a brand-new urban freeway to 9.1 miles.



1997 dedication ceremony of the Route 41/180 Interchange



Route 168 in full bloom!



2004 Route 180 East retaining wall construction

