

Highway 14 Widening Progressing

According to Caltrans, the Highway 14 project is ahead of schedule and will be completed by late 2007. The project is about 40 percent complete as stated in a recent *Mojave Desert News* article.

Upon completion, the new highway will sport four lanes of broad, modern highway surface, a big new interchange at California City Boulevard, new culverts that should ensure proper drainage at two major drainage areas along the route and a roadway at least four feet above the present road surface.

The project affects the entire California City area and shows considerable commitment by the State to the area. The growth in the area and the increased traffic and commerce justifies the spending it will take to improve the road and the four-lane freeway access is also a natural precursor to continuing development.

Drivers in the area are encouraged to be patient with detours and delays and to drive safely throughout the construction zones. Additional growth in the California City area includes the groundbreaking for a new high school and a new sports arena.