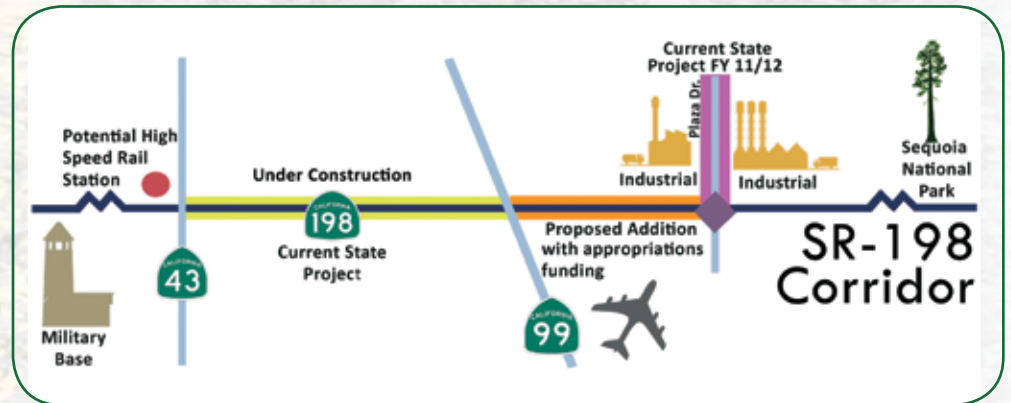


HIGH-PRIORITY FUNDING REQUEST



STATE ROUTE 198 IS THE SECOND-MOST TRAVELED CORRIDOR IN TULARE COUNTY



TCAG is requesting \$1.5 million to:

- Construct auxiliary lanes on SR-198 between SR-99 and Plaza Drive
- Improve ramp capacity at SR-198/Plaza Drive

SR-198 is:

- The route that accesses the only commercial passenger airport in Tulare and Kings counties and the county's largest industrial area, where over 5,000 people work.
- Heavily traveled by truck traffic generated by the industrial park.
- Often backed up with trucks because of inadequate ramp capacity, causing serious safety concerns.

Filling a funding gap

The widening of Plaza Drive is a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project. The widening of SR-198 from SR-99 to SR-43 in Kings County is under construction.

Additional federal funding will allow the final pieces to be completed.

THESE PROJECTS WILL ALLOW DEVELOPMENT OF OVER 900 ACRES OF INDUSTRIAL LAND TO CREATE OVER 4,000 JOBS.