

Media Alert

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Ribbon-cutting Celebrating the Shoulder & Bike Lane Improvements on Backes Lane, Schout Road, and Woodford-Tehachapi Road

Approximately 1.5 miles of newly constructed improvements for all to enjoy



What: Kern County Public Works to celebrate the completion of the Shoulder & Bike Lane Improvements on Backes Lane, Schout Road, and Woodford-Tehachapi Road between Highline Road and W. Valley Boulevard (State Route 202) with a ribbon-cutting, followed by an inaugural bike ride in partnership with the Tehachapi High School Mountain Bike Team.

When: **Monday, November 27, 2023**
10 a.m.: Ceremony with an inaugural bike ride to follow

Where: **Woodford-Tehachapi Road and Commercial Avenue, Golden Hills, CA 93561**

Who: Ribbon-cutting Remarks and Attendees:

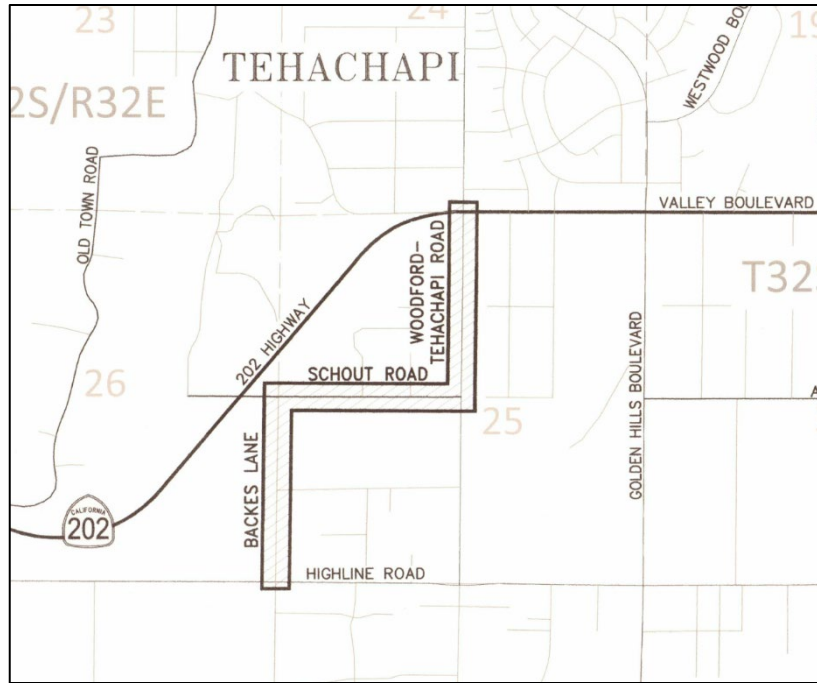
- Kern County Supervisor Zack Scrivner, District 2 – *Master of Ceremonies*
- Kern County Public Works Director Joshua Champlin & Staff
- Lieutenant Commander Maria Pagano, California Highway Patrol – Mojave

Background: Join Kern County Public Works, elected officials, and community members as we celebrate the completion of the Shoulder & Bike Lane Improvements on Backes Lane, Schout Road, and Woodford-Tehachapi Road.

The shoulder paving and bike lane improvement project serves to improve air quality by decreasing emissions of particulate matter smaller than 10 microns (PM10) by paving over the dirt shoulder along the project route, build active transportation in the community by connecting existing bike lanes on Highline Road and W. Valley Boulevard, and provide safety enhancements, which will assist travelers when accessing vital community resources, such as added safeguards of structural support, emergency lanes, and increased sight lines at intersections.

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The newly constructed infrastructure will support all travelers by providing a safe alternative route with the installation of roadside signs, freshly painted traffic striping, and thermoplastic pavement markings, and encourage active transportation on low-stress roads versus highly traveled roadways.

In May 2023, Kern County Public Works was awarded \$1,832,751 in Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Program funds from the California Air Resources Board to construct the improvement project. In total, the project cost approximately \$1,726,000 with Kern County Public Works funding \$237,452.

Taking two and a half months to complete, the project began on August 21, 2023, and was completed on November 8, 2023.

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