THE PROJECT
Caltrans has partnered with the County of San Diego to improve State Route 67 (SR-67) at the intersection of Highland Valley Road/Dye Road in the community of Ramona. SR-67 will be widened from two lanes to four lanes through the intersection. The intersection will be reconfigured to accommodate a wider turn radius needed by commercial trucks. Both Dye Road and Highland Valley Road will be widened approaching the intersection to allow adding a second left-turn lane onto the highway. Also being added are bike lanes on the shoulders and an equestrian trail on the northerly side of both roads. Other improvements include push-button pedestrian crossings, upgraded drainage, and Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant concrete curbs.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION RELIEF
The intersection is signalized and has substantial back-up during the morning and afternoon commute hours. This is a key intersection for the community and backcountry travelers attempting to access the cities of San Diego, Santee, El Cajon, and other parts of the region. The improvements are expected to decrease delays through the intersection by 80 percent.

THE INVESTMENT
The estimated total cost for the project is $14 million. Funding will be provided through the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), San Diego County Transportation Impact Fees.

WHAT NEXT?
Construction could begin as early as spring 2016 and should be completed in fall 2018.