

Work Notice

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

DTSC Conducting Fieldwork for State Route 132 West, Caltrans Modesto Soil Stockpiles

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) will oversee the excavation and containment of contaminated soils at the State Route 132 Site in Modesto. The Site, located just east and west of the Highway 99/Kansas Avenue offramp, consists of three large soil stockpiles containing the metals barium and lead. The stockpiles have been located at the Site since the early 1960s. One stockpile and a portion of another will be moved from their current location to facilitate construction of State Route 132. Movement of the stockpiles **is planned to start on February 18, 2020. Most of the work will be completed in about one month.** All movement of stockpile soil will be conducted by contractors for the City of Modesto under Caltrans and DTSC oversight.

Planned Work Activities

Containment of the stockpile soil will be completed just after the start of the State Route 132 West Project (Phase 1). All stockpile soil will be contained beneath roadway pavement and behind retaining walls and bridge abutments. This work will include the following:

- Excavating stockpile soils to place beneath the roadways at the Site (this will take approximately 1 month. A final 3 to 5-day excavation period will occur thereafter);
- Constructing a two-lane section of highway over a limited segment of the stockpiles;

- Capping an area of the stockpiles with a 12-inch thick clean soil cover that is graded for off-site drainage;
- Phase 1 is expected to take approximately 2 years to complete.

Traffic Impacts

During the soil movement work the community can expect to see the following:

- Increased truck traffic on Kansas Avenue between Franklin St. and Emerald Avenue;
- An increased presence of safety crews and road construction crews near the intersections of Franklin St. and Kansas Avenue, in the area of the Highway 99 Kansas Avenue off-ramp, and Emerald Avenue;
- The presence of signs in the above areas alerting drivers to the construction effort;

No road closures are anticipated but the presence of work crews and the signage will continue throughout the Phase 1 construction.

Future Work Activities

Following containment of the contaminated stockpile soil in Phase 1, Phase 2 activities will complete the ultimate build-out of the project by adding additional retaining walls, paved lanes, and hardscaped surfaces. Phase 2 is expected to finish in 2028.



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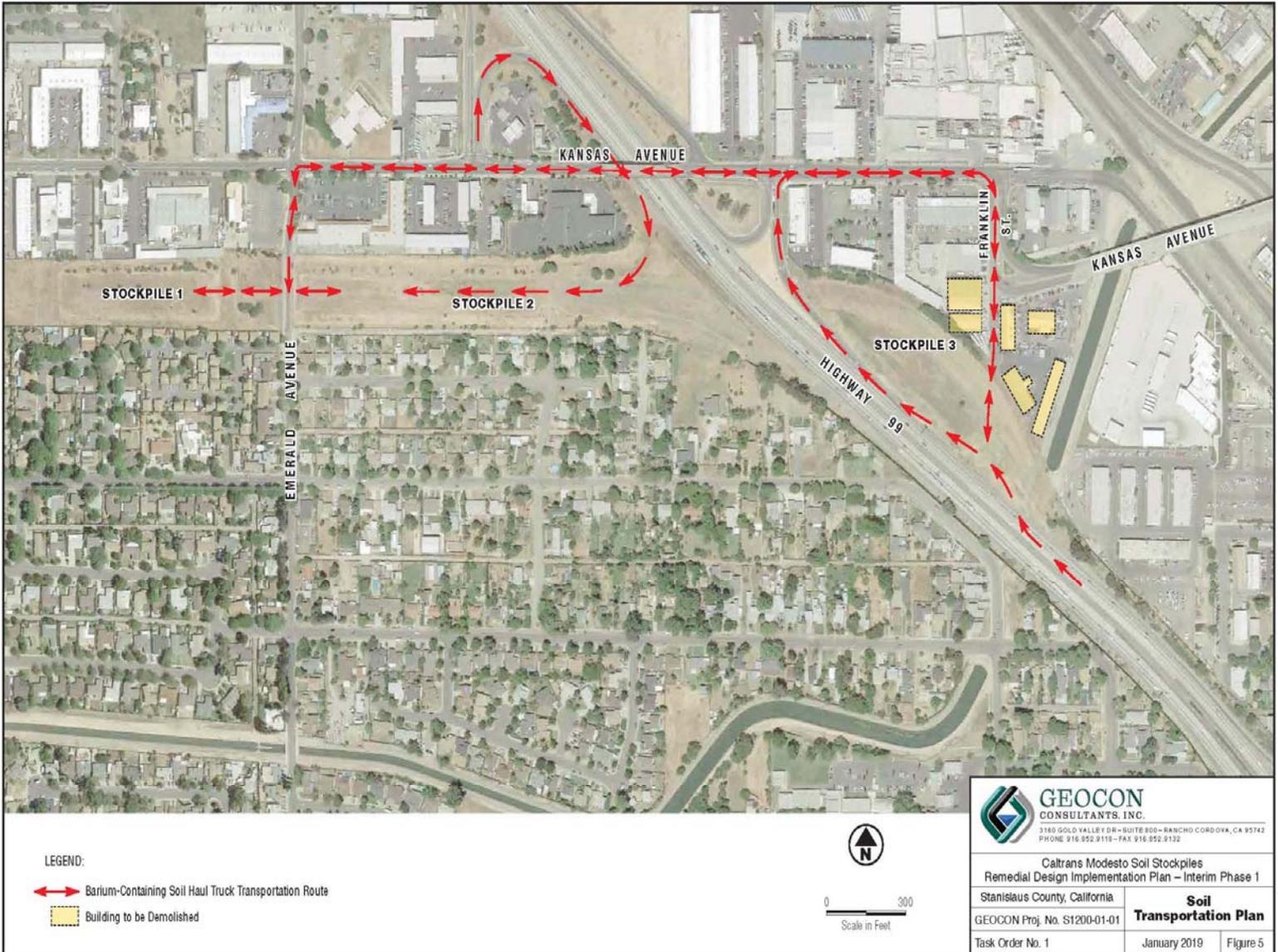
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