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## **Gateways Community**

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The Gateways Area includes much of South Merced (south of Highway 99) and southeast Merced, in the vicinity of Yosemite Parkway. Frontages along Highway 99 are also included. The Gateways Area has large areas of residential neighborhoods, and commercial arterials along Highway 140 (Yosemite Parkway) and Highway 59 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Way).

The area's commercial development includes smaller neighborhood convenience and food stores, auto parts and repair, and a the Merced County Environmental Health division. The area's major institution, Merced County Fairgrounds is located on Martin Luther King Way.

Adjacent to the freeway is the largest concentration of motels in Merced, including Ramada, Express by Holiday Inn, Marriot Courtyard, Hampton Inn, Days Inn, Motel 6, Best Western and others. A number of fast food restaurants are found at freeway interchanges.

Opportunities in the Gateways community include sites suitable for development of community shopping centers including grocery/drug, additional freeway-oriented businesses, and office. The newest development in the Gateways Project Area is Rancho San Miguel. Rancho San Miguel serves a good portion of South and East Merced and pulls in a good portion of North Merced due to the unique variety offered. They offer restaurant food

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service, grocery and pharmacy services.