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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Caltrans Holds Innovation Fair to Highlight New Technology and Innovations in Transportation**

*Free Expo in Downtown Los Angeles on Nov. 2*

LOS ANGELES — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 will host its first Innovation Fair on Wednesday, Nov. 2, to highlight new technology and innovative concepts in transportation.

Caltrans employees, local transportation agencies and private industry will present new approaches including carbon footprint reduction and response to climate change, safety improvements, congestion reduction, efficient project delivery acceleration, and higher quality requiring less maintenance.

The 2016 Innovation Fair also will feature some of the private sector's latest approaches to improve technology and safety in transportation.

- The Los Angeles Police Department will exhibit an electric car used by the LAPD in its pursuit of green technology.
- The California Highway Patrol will show an Incident Command Vehicle that incorporates innovative technology.
- Automotive safety innovations of the all-electric BMW i3 and the plug-in hybrid BMW i8 will be displayed.
- L.A. Metro (the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority) will highlight the latest innovations in active transportation, including options for cyclists.
- Caltrans employees will present new approaches such as using smartphones in aerial mapping, and creating "connected corridors" that take drivers off freeways when incidents occur and adjust traffic signals on nearby streets in response to the traffic flow.

The 2016 Innovation Fair will be held outdoors at the Caltrans District 7 Plaza, 100 South Main St., Los Angeles, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

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From 11:30 a.m. to noon, as part of the Innovation Fair, transportation executives and leaders will speak about challenges in implementing innovative approaches and the importance of a culture of technology and innovation in the daily workplace. They will provide insight into new initiatives at the local, state and federal levels.

The scheduled speakers include the following:

- Kome Ajise, Caltrans Chief Deputy Director
- Carrie Bowen, Caltrans District 7 Director
- Shirley Choate, Caltrans District 7 Chief Deputy Director
- Monica Gourdine, Associate Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration
- Marco Anderson, Planner, Southern California Association of Governments
- Colin Peppard, Innovation Manager, L.A. Metro (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority)
- Jay Kim, Assistant General Manager, Los Angeles Department of Transportation

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