

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

District 7 - Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

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The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible for planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the state highway system. District 7, which includes Los Angeles and Ventura counties, has the second largest workforce of 12 Caltrans districts statewide. District 7 employs nearly 2,500 people with the largest workforce in construction and maintenance, and others in the administration, environmental, design, program/project management, planning, planning, external affairs and right of way divisions.

The Department's mission of improving mobility across California is evidenced in all District 7 activities. Several regional projects are currently in the planning process or underway which will assist in decreasing congestion and increasing mobility. On average, the District manages 110 to 114 ongoing construction projects valued at \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion. Through voter approved Propositions 1A and 1B, the state's transportation bond measures, funding has been allocated to many significant construction projects such as the Golden State and Santa Ana freeways (Interstate 5) Corridor Improvement Projects to add HOV, or carpool, lanes from State Route 134 to State Route 118 in north LA County and from the Orange County line to I-605 in south LA County. Combined, the 18 improvement projects on the I-5 Corridor total \$3.2 billion. Other HOV lane projects are in construction on the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10), the San Diego Freeway (I-405) and the first HOV lanes in Ventura County on US-101 from Mobil Pier Road to Casitas Pass Road.

Constructing an interconnecting HOV system continues to be a priority. A seamless HOV system will help to reduce congestion by using freeway capacity more efficiently. As of spring, 2014, District 7 operates 532 HOV lane miles in Los Angeles County, the most in the state. Currently, 58 HOV lane miles are under construction and 132 HOV lane miles are in the design and planning stages. By 2025, District 7 anticipates to have 706 HOV lane miles completed as part of its goal to construct 900 HOV lane miles.

Caltrans operates the Los Angeles Regional Transportation Management Center in partnership with the California Highway Patrol to rapidly detect and respond to incidents while managing the resulting congestion. With electronic technologies such as Changeable Message Signs, closed circuit television, fiber optic lines and wire loop detectors embedded in pavement, motorists using the largest freeway system in the world benefit from a more efficient transportation management network.

District 7 – Mileage Facts

- District 7 is responsible for 42 freeways and highways
- There are 915 freeway and highway miles in Los Angeles County and 273 miles in Ventura County
- 100 million vehicle miles are traveled, on average, daily on District 7 freeways, equivalent to over 4,000 global trips

Strategic Goals

SAFETY • MOBILITY • DELIVERY • STEWARDSHIP • SERVICE