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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS ON I-10 CARPOOL LANE IN BALDWIN PARK

Baldwin Park – Caltrans announced today that it has started construction to add four miles of new carpool lanes on the San Bernardino Freeway (Interstate 10) from the San Gabriel River Freeway (Interstate 605) to Puente Avenue. The \$175 million project is funded with federal and state funds, including \$66 million from Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond that was championed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger as part of his commitment to rebuilding California's infrastructure.

"When California voters approved Proposition 1B they wanted action, and we are delivering that action," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "This project will not only help relieve the traffic congestion that clogs our Los Angeles freeways - it will help create jobs and stimulate California's economy right when we need it the most."

I-10 is a key commuter and goods movement corridor linking Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire. More than 240,000 vehicles daily travel the section of I-10 where the new carpool lanes will be built. The new lanes are projected to carry about 1,300 vehicles or 3,300 persons per hour during peak traffic times.

This is the first of three projects that, when completed, will provide commuters a continuous carpool lane stretching nearly 35 miles from downtown Los Angeles to San Bernardino County. Los Angeles County has 485 miles of existing carpool lanes.

On-going and planned improvements for I-10 in Los Angeles County include:

- An extensive pavement restoration project on I-10 is currently under construction from the I-5 separation to I-605. This \$165 million project began this year and is targeted for completion by spring 2011.
- The next two phases of the I-10 carpool lane plan, estimated at \$240 million, will extend the carpool lane from Puente Avenue to Citrus Street in West Covina and then to State Route 57 near Pomona. These two projects are scheduled to begin in late 2011 and early 2012.





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- The I-10/I-605 Interchange Improvement Project is scheduled to begin in 2012. This design-build project, estimated at \$79 million, will construct a direct connector interchange from southbound I-605 to eastbound I-10.

