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ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROVIDES \$10 MILLION FOR NEW, SMOOTH PAVEMENT ON INTERSTATE 5

Los Angeles – Caltrans today announced that work has begun on a freeway pavement project that will result in a smoother ride for commuters on the Golden State Freeway (I-5) between Sylmar and Pacoima. The \$10 million project is financed entirely by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act).

"My Administration is working hand-in-hand with President Obama's team to ensure stimulus dollars are pumped into California quickly and responsibly. This project will help stimulate the state's economy and, in this instance, invest in the future of California's transportation infrastructure," said Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The project will replace sections of rough pavement in both directions on I-5 between the Foothill Freeway (I-210) and the Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118), a total distance of nine miles (four and a half miles in each direction). This section of freeway has an average daily traffic volume of more than 200,000 vehicles. The contractor, Security Paving of Sun Valley, California, expects to complete the project by December.

"We have been able to put a lot of people to work and help smaller businesses, such as contractor supply companies that deal with steel, concrete and many other materials," said Security Paving Project Manager Dan Little. "We are grateful to be able to help boost the state's economy and improve the highway system."

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California has obligated \$2.52 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 930 highway, local street, and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>

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