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Caltrans to Fully Activate Freeway-to-Freeway Connector Meters to the Foothill Freeway (I-210)

San Dimas and Irwindale – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will fully activate two freeway-to-freeway connector meters from the northbound Orange Freeway (State Route 57) and the northbound San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) to the westbound Foothill Freeway (I-210) beginning Monday, March 10 at 5 a.m., in time for the morning commute. The meters have been on “green only” status for the last two weeks to allow motorists to acclimate to the signals.

Freeway-to-freeway connector metering is one strategy in the overall congestion relief effort and will improve mainline freeway traffic flow while decreasing freeway congestion.

The meters will now be in the full operation mode of red, yellow and green lights, alerting motorists to a full stop. Prior to reaching the meters, motorists will be warned to reduce speed by two flashing beacon signs with these messages: “Route 210 Meter On” and “Prepare to Stop.”

By the end of March, similar freeway-to-freeway connector meters from the northbound SR-57 and the northbound I-605 to the eastbound I-210 will be fully activated.

Additionally, the activation of freeway-to-freeway connector metering at the following three I-210 corridor interchanges is scheduled for early May:

- Northbound Glendale Freeway (SR-2) to eastbound and westbound I-210;
- Eastbound Ronald Reagan Freeway (SR-118) to eastbound and westbound I-210; and
- Eastbound Ventura Freeway (SR-134) to westbound I-210.

By summer 2008, all I-210 corridor on-ramps and connectors will be metered in both directions from the San Bernardino County line to the Golden State Freeway (I-5). Construction for the metering project is now 50% complete and operational.

Caltrans asks motorists to anticipate short delays at the meters and to plan travel time accordingly.

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