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

San Dimas to Irwindale – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will activate four freeway-to-freeway connector meters from both the northbound Orange Freeway (State Route 57) and the northbound San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) to the eastbound and westbound Foothill Freeway (I-210) interchanges beginning Monday, February 25 at 5 a.m.

Freeway-to-freeway connector metering is one strategy in the congestion relief effort, which is a part of Governor Schwarzenegger's "Go California" Strategic Growth Plan. Connector metering will improve mainline freeway traffic flow and decrease freeway congestion.

Initially, Caltrans will set the meters for a "green only" status for two weeks to allow motorists to acclimate to the signals. Following the adjustment period, the connector metering will be in full operation.

Beginning Monday, February 25, motorists will be alerted to reduce speed by two flashing beacon signs near the four interchanges with these messages: "Route 210 Meter On" and "Prepare to Stop."

By mid April, Caltrans will activate similar freeway-to-freeway connector metering at the following interchanges:

- 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.

Additionally, 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 meter and to plan travel time accordingly.

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