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Update - Repairs Begin for Northbound Glendale Freeway (SR-2)/Northbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) Connector

Los Angeles – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has awarded C.A. Rasmussen Inc. of Valencia, California, the construction contract to begin repair work on the tanker fire damaged northbound SR-2 to northbound I-5 connector. The contractor is expected to begin working on Tuesday, November 5. The overall cost of repairs, which includes the initial emergency response, is currently estimated at \$16.5 million.

“We understand that the closure of any part of the freeway system can inconvenience motorists,” said Acting District 7 Director Carrie Bowen. “We have an ambitious and aggressive construction schedule in place to safely open this connector before Christmas.”

The following solutions will be used to repair the connector:

- **Hydrodemolition** will remove any degraded concrete from the surface of the structure.
- **Shotcrete** is a concrete slurry that is sprayed at a high velocity to fill damaged voids.
- **Epoxy** injections will help seal cracks in the concrete and provide additional strength to the structure.
- **Carbon fiber wrapping** will help add strength to the outrigger beams on the north side of the connector.
- **Repave** the damaged roadway.
- **Upgrade** the connector’s lighting, metal beam guardrail, and add anti-graffiti coated paint.

The intense heat from the tanker fire on July 13 caused extensive damage to the pavement, walls, support structures, drainage, and lighting within the northbound SR-2/northbound I-5 connector tunnel, requiring it to be closed.

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