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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

I-710 FULL Freeway Closures this Weekend

Bell to Downey – Beginning Friday night, October 7 and continuing through Monday morning, October 10, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will conduct full freeway closures on the Long Beach Freeway (I-710) to replace aging pavement as part of the Long Life Pavement Rehabilitation Project from Firestone Boulevard to Slauson Avenue. The Extended Weekend Closure schedule is as follows:

Friday, October 7 through Monday, October 10

FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES will occur twice during the weekend and in both directions:

- Friday at 11:59 p.m. until Saturday at 6 a.m.
- Sunday at 11 p.m. until Monday at 5 a.m.

The following ramps and connectors will be closed throughout the weekend:

CLOSED ramps:

- On-ramps to northbound I-710: from Imperial Highway, Firestone Blvd. and Florence Avenue.
- On-ramps to southbound I-710: from Atlantic Blvd., Florence Ave. & Firestone Boulevard.
- Off-ramps from northbound I-710: to Florence Avenue and Firestone Boulevard.

CLOSED connectors: Eastbound & westbound I-105 connector to northbound I-710.

Beginning 6 a.m. on Saturday, all motorists will be directed onto southbound I-710 while construction continues throughout the weekend on the northbound side. Five lanes will be available for all motorists on southbound I-710 until approximately 11 p.m. on Sunday. A

45 mph speed limit through the construction zone will be enforced by the California Highway Patrol. Due to narrow lane widths, oversized loads are not permitted. Plan ahead and use alternate routes and detours. The schedule is weather-permitting and is subject to change pending rain and temperatures below 50 degrees.

The work is part of the \$65 million Long Life Pavement Project to rehabilitate aging pavement and provide the roadway with several decades of service life, improved pavement performance and a smoother ride for the traveling public. The project is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The contractor is SEMA Construction of Lake Forrest. The estimated completion date for the entire project is spring 2012.

Full freeway closures are scheduled to take place on this segment of I-710 each weekend through October. For more information on the I-710 full freeway closure schedule, visit www.dot.ca.gov/dist07 or follow Caltrans District 7 on Twitter or *The Caltrans Connector* blog at caltransd7info.blogspot.com