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CALTRANS COMPLETES RECONSTRUCTION AND EARTHQUAKE RETROFIT OF BALDWIN PARK BOULEVARD BRIDGE

BALDWIN PARK - Caltrans announced today that it has completed the reconstruction of the Baldwin Park Boulevard Bridge in order to accommodate new carpool lanes that are being built on the San Bernardino Freeway (Interstate 10).

“Carpool lanes are one of the most effective tools we have to fight traffic congestion,” said Acting Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “This project will provide continuous carpool lanes stretching nearly 35 miles from downtown Los Angeles to San Bernardino County.”

The new \$6 million bridge, a major thoroughfare in Baldwin Park, is wider and has been seismically retrofitted to better withstand an earthquake.

The bridge is part of a larger \$169 million project that is partially funded (\$66 million) by Proposition 1B, the 2006 voter-approved transportation bond. The project is adding four miles of new carpool lanes on I-10 in Baldwin Park from the San Gabriel Freeway (Interstate 605) to Puente Avenue. This stretch of I-10 is a key commuter and goods movement corridor linking Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire. More than 240,000 vehicles travel the two-mile section daily. The new carpool lanes are projected to carry about 1,300 vehicles (or 3,300 persons) per hour during peak traffic times.

To date, the state has allocated nearly \$8 billion in Proposition 1B funds for transportation purposes statewide.

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