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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Now On Exhibit in the Caltrans Museum:

#### ***Bike Local! Bicycles as Everyday Transportation***

**Los Angeles** — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) invites the public to its new bike-themed exhibit, ***Bike Local! Bicycles as Everyday Transportation***, opening today, May 1, 2013, in the Transportation Museum at District 7 Headquarters, 100 South Main St., Los Angeles, CA 90012.

The exhibit, which coincides with National Bike Month, illustrates that biking is a viable alternative to driving, especially for local errands and commuting to work or school. Exhibit highlights include a wide variety of affordable commuting and recreational bikes, classic bikes, materials on biking safely, illustrations of bike-friendly street-design, videos of bike commutes, a wall-size map of bike routes in Los Angeles County, and displays of biking accessories that make riding safer and easier.

"Half of all car trips are less than three miles. Since that's a distance that just about everyone can bike, we wanted to focus on biking as an easy, everyday activity that has many benefits — for your health, the environment, and congestion reduction," said Caltrans District 7 Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator Dale Benson. "You don't have to be an athlete, own a \$5,000 bike, or have special clothes to ride a bike. Anyone can do it."

The exhibit underscores Caltrans' commitment to "Complete Streets," a policy of providing safe mobility for all users, including bicyclists, as part of the Department's mission to improve mobility across California. Numerous projects now in construction have bike-friendly elements, such as the US 101 widening project in Ventura County and the Gerald Desmond Bridge replacement project, both of which include bike paths separated from the roadway.

Caltrans also works with cities and counties to provide funding for projects that improve safety and convenience for bicyclists through the Department's Bicycle Transportation Account (BTA). The new "Bicycle Boulevard" on Marengo Avenue in Pasadena that opened in January 2013 was made possible by \$500,000 in BTA funds. For 2012/2013, Caltrans has approved \$11.9 million in funding for BTA projects in Los Angeles County, ranging from installing bicycle racks in Culver City to constructing 12.6 miles of bikeways in Temple City.

*Bike Local! Bicycles as Everyday Transportation* is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., through June 1, 2013.

*Caltrans thanks its National Bike Month partners for their contributions to the exhibit: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition, Downtown LA Bikes, Orange 20 Bikes, Flying Pigeon Bikes, and Bonehead Restorations.*

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