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### NEW LEADER AT CALTRANS DISTRICT 7 HELM

**Los Angeles** – California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Director Malcolm Dougherty announced Carrie L. Bowen as the new district director for California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 7 on February 18. She will be the focal point for freeway and highway planning and development, operations, design, construction and maintenance; guide environmental regulation and compliance; and implement the governor's and director's vision for transportation policies in Los Angeles and Ventura counties.

"I have great confidence in Carrie's abilities to lead the challenges we face in the congested Los Angeles area and the growing Ventura region," said Dougherty.

She will be responsible for a current construction program of over \$2 billion, including carpool lane improvements along Interstate 5, and she will oversee the over \$1 billion Interstate 405 carpool lane design-build project and nearly \$1 billion Gerald Desmond Bridge replacement project.

Bowen will work closely with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the Ventura County Transportation Commission in prioritizing and implementing transportation improvements to meet the unique needs of each region.

District 7 boasts more than 42 freeways and highways with 915 freeway and highway miles in Los Angeles County and 273 miles in Ventura County. Motorists travel more than 100 million vehicle miles daily in the district, equivalent to over 4,000 global trips. It is has the second largest workforce of all 12 districts with over 2,500 engineers, designers, planners, right of way and maintenance staff, and administrators.

Bowen has over 25 years of experience in planning and delivering transportation projects. She began her career with Caltrans in 1991 as an associate environmental planner where she prepared complex environmental documents for projects in Fresno County. She rose to the position of deputy district director for the Central Region Environmental Division, overseeing Caltrans' environmental work in 20 counties.

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Bowen also served for 18 months as the central California regional director for the California High Speed Rail Authority where she resolved high speed rail concerns with state, regional, and local elected officials, planning organizations and the public.

In 2005, Bowen was appointed to the State Center Community College District Bond Oversight Committee, where she served until 2009. She was appointed to the California Oilspill Technical Advisory Committee, serving from 1997 until 2000. From 1985 until 1991 she advised then-Assemblymember Jim Costa on a variety of key Central Valley issues including transportation and high-speed rail.

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