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Now Playing at a Cell Phone Near You: Caltrans Freeway Cameras

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), in partnership with NBC4 and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), is now providing real-time traffic information to Los Angeles area motorists via cell phones.

This free service will display more than 270 traffic cameras, half of which are operated by Caltrans (Los Angeles, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino County districts) and made available through Metro's Regional Intelligent Transportation Systems (RIITS) Network. Users can download the application by entering their mobile number on the NBC Los Angeles Traffic Cam link at KNBC.com or by calling 1-877-NBC-LA04 (1-877-622-5204). A text message is then sent providing a link to download and install the application.

Information, easily accessed through a user-friendly menu, is displayed in full-motion video or up-to-the-second still photos. Additionally, favorite routes can be stored and retrieved by pushing a single button. Motorists are advised to research this information before getting on the road to comply with the new cell phone safety law.

"Caltrans is very pleased to add this service to the many ways we provide congestion relief and help motorists manage their commutes," said Caltrans District Director Doug Failing. "The real-time information we provide on Changeable Message Signs (CMS), our website and now on cell phones enables the traveling public to make intelligent choices about which routes and/or modes of transportation work best for them."

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