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CALTRANS MUSEUM TO FEATURE METRO EXPRESSLANES DISPLAY

LOS ANGELES – With the Harbor Freeway (I-110) ExpressLanes up and running and the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) Expresslanes to begin early this year, the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is hosting a second museum exhibit featuring the project.

Beginning January 7 and ending February 1, the exhibit will consist of displays, videos and photos that will provide extensive information to the public about ExpressLanes and obtaining transponders, a historical look at the Harbor Freeway (I-110) and the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) carpool lanes as well as LA Express Park.

ExpressLanes is a one-year demonstration program that converts 11 miles of existing carpool lanes on I-110 between the Harbor Gateway Transit Center (formerly Artesia Transit Center)/182nd Street and Adams Boulevard near downtown Los Angeles and 14 miles on the I-10 El Monte Busway between Union Station/Alameda Street and the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) into High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) is administering the program in partnership with Caltrans.

The program, funded under a \$210 million federal grant, seeks to reduce congestion by improving travel choices along the two corridors. All motorists traveling in the ExpressLanes will need a transponder. Solo drivers, currently not allowed to use the carpool lanes, will be allowed to use the lanes for a toll. Carpools, transit, vanpools, and motorcycles will travel toll free. The general purpose lanes are not tolled.

“ExpressLanes on the 110 freeway are operating as anticipated and providing Los

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Angeles motorists with an exciting new transportation option,” said Caltrans District Director Mike Miles. “We are really looking forward to opening the lanes on I-10 and think this timely museum exhibit will help answer any remaining questions and encourage more people to embrace the congestion pricing concept.”

“The success of the ExpressLanes now operating along the Harbor Freeway speaks volumes as we strive to change commuter behavior by offering real transportation choices for the region to improve mobility,” said Metro CEO Art Leahy. “With more than 70,000 ExpressLanes FasTrak transponders now issued to motorists, the opening of phase two of the program along the San Bernardino Freeway will go a long way towards easing congestion along this heavily-traveled corridor.”

The Caltrans Museum is located at 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, Calif. 90012. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. On Thursday, January 17, MEL, the Metro ExpressLanes mobile van, will be on site from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide additional information and on-the-spot transponder sign-up.

For information on Metro's ExpressLanes Program visit metroexpresslanes.net

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