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HOT LANES PROJECT DRAFT EIR/EA AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro) are soliciting comments on the draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Assessment (EIR/EA) for the proposal to convert existing High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV, or carpool) lanes on the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) and the Harbor Freeway (I-110) to High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes.

Public hearings have been scheduled to discuss project design features with Caltrans staff before the final design and alternative is selected. The hearings will be:

- Tuesday, March 9 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Andrew Norman Hall, Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital Foundation, 2400 South Flower Street, Los Angeles, 90007
- Wednesday, March 10 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector Council Chambers, 3449 Santa Anita Avenue, 3rd Floor, El Monte, 91731.

The EIR/EA is available for review and copying at the Caltrans District 7 Division of Environmental Planning, 100 S. Main Street, Los Angeles, 90012 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments may be submitted through March 29 to Mr. Ron Kosinski, Deputy District Director for Environmental Planning at the above address.

ExpressLanes, a one-year demonstration project to reduce congestion by allowing solo drivers into carpool lanes on the I-10 El Monte Busway and the I-110 Transitway for a fee that could range from \$.25 to \$1.40, is funded by a special \$210 million federal grant. A majority of the funding will be used to enhance public transit options along the two corridors by providing an additional 57 transit buses and increase the number of carpools and vanpools.

