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CALTRANS MUSEUM TO FEATURE METRO EXPRESSLANES DISPLAY

LOS ANGELES – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will feature an exhibit about the Los Angeles County Congestion Reduction Demonstration Program showcasing the Metro ExpressLanes and LA Express Park at its Los Angeles headquarters museum space beginning Monday, June 4, 2012 through Friday, June 29, 2012.

The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro), in partnership with Caltrans, is embarking on a one-year demonstration program that will convert 11 miles of existing carpool lanes on the Harbor Freeway Transitway (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 San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) El Monte Busway between Union Station/Alameda Street and the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) into toll lanes, known as ExpressLanes.

“Caltrans is very enthusiastic about this demonstration project, which will test the concept of congestion pricing in Los Angeles County,” said Caltrans District Director Mike Miles. “The museum display will help visitors understand how the lanes will operate, as well as explain their benefits.”

The program, funded under a \$210 million federal grant, seeks to reduce congestion by improving travel choices along the two corridors. 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.

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Metro's partnership with Caltrans on this important one-year demonstration program will help us better manage the infrastructure we have through innovative solutions in an effort to reduce congestion along these two heavily traveled corridors," said Metro CEO Art Leahy. "We are excited to bring the congestion pricing concept to Los Angeles County with the implementation of the ExpressLanes program later this year."

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.

For information on Metro's ExpressLanes Program visit metro.net/expresslanes.

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