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NEW CONNECTOR PROVIDES SMOOTHER TRANSITION FROM SAN GABRIEL RIVER (I-605) TO SAN BERNARDINO (I-10) FREEWAYS

BALDWIN PARK – Caltrans has completed construction on a new connector from the San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605) to the San Bernardino Freeway (I-10) that will improve safety and ease congestion for 200,000 daily commuters.

“This project relieves a chronic bottleneck and shortens commute times,” said Caltrans Director Malcolm Dougherty. “This new connector also improves safety on this critical, inter-regional artery.”

Previously, commuters traveling on southbound Interstate 605 to eastbound Interstate 10 had a very short distance to merge, causing lengthy traffic backups as motorists changed lanes. The new interchange provides a direct connection between the freeways that greatly improves merging traffic, reducing commuter delays and improving safety for motorists.

“The newly completed connector is the first-ever, state funded design-build project in California, said Caltrans District 7 Director Carrie Bowen. “Designing and building a project simultaneously has many advantages, like increasing efficiency and shortening the construction schedule.”

“This is an example to true collaboration between agencies as the Caltrans-funded connector project is part of other necessary improvements funded by Metro on this corridor, notably the extension of the HOV lane between the 605 and the 57 freeways,” said Metro Board member and Duarte City Councilman John Fasana.

This \$66 million project is the first design-build freeway project in Los Angeles County that is funded entirely by state dollars and is one of the more than \$315 million worth of freeway projects underway in the San Gabriel Valley. Those projects include construction of a carpool lane in each direction of the San Bernardino Freeway between the San Gabriel River Freeway and State Route 57 and the \$148 million slab replacement project on the Foothill Freeway (I-210) in Pasadena.

The design-build contractors for the project are MCM Construction, Inc. of North Highlands, California and Dokken Engineering of Folsom, California.

Motorists are reminded to Be Work Zone Alert ... and when you see Caltrans trucks or other emergency vehicles with flashing amber lights, please move over a lane if safe to do so and slow down, in accordance with the Move Over Law.

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