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GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY --
I-5/SR-14 HIGH OCCUPANCY VEHICLE (HOV) DIRECT CARPOOL LANE
CONNECTOR AND HOV LANES

MASTER OF CEREMONIES Douglas R. Failing, District Director, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 7, Los Angeles and Ventura Counties

WHO: Ara Najarian, Second Vice-Chair, Metro Board of Directors and Councilmember, City of Glendale; Jarrod DeGonia, District Director for Assemblyman Cameron Smyth, 38th District; Captain Mark Odle, California Highway Patrol

WHAT: Celebrate groundbreaking for a new elevated High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Direct Carpool Lane Connector and HOV lanes at the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and Antelope Valley Freeway (SR-14) interchange. **This is the third direct carpool lane connector in Los Angeles County.**

WHEN: **Monday, August 18, 2008 – 10 a.m.**

WHERE: Los Angeles County Assessor's Office, 13800 Balboa Boulevard, Sylmar (Corner of Foothill and Balboa Boulevards overlooking I-5 Freeway). **Directions:** I-5 north to I-210 east. Exit Yarnell Street and turn right; turn right on Foothill Blvd.; turn right on Balboa Boulevard. **OR,** from southbound I-5 or San Fernando Valley: take Balboa Boulevard or Balboa Boulevard exit from I-5 and proceed over I-5 Freeway.

BENEFITS: This elevated HOV direct connector will allow motorists a freeway-to-freeway transfer without exiting the carpool lane. It will improve mobility, help to relieve congestion, encourage carpooling and improve air quality.

PHOTO OP: Dramatic view of the I-5.SR-14 Interchange. VIP's pose near **"IMPROVING YOUR DRIVE ON INTERSTATE 5 AND ANTELOPE VALLEY FREEWAY"** BANNER

