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MEDIA ADVISORY

CALTRANS OBSERVES HIGHWAY WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY *-- ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SIX LIVES LOST ARE 166 TOO MANY --*

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) officials will remember, honor and pay tribute to 166 California highway workers killed while on the job. This is one of many memorial events to be held across the state during the week of April 16.

WHEN: Thursday, April 19 -- 10:30 a.m.
WHERE: **DODGER STADIUM – PARKING LOT #8**
1000 Elysian Park Avenue (off Sunset Boulevard)
Los Angeles, California 90012

Note: Traffic reporters are encouraged to broadcast live traffic reports from the ceremony!
The display below will also create a dramatic aerial visual.

BACKGROUND: One hundred sixty-six California highway workers lives lost are 166 too many! Caltrans is asking the media for their help -- to get the Caltrans safety message out to the public that motorists can help save lives -- their lives and those of highway workers -- by heeding the Caltrans safety slogan in highway work zones -- ***please SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE!*** Most people aren't fully aware of the difficult environment Caltrans men and women work in each day -- from weather, to drivers under the influence to road rage. They put their lives on the line every day to keep the California freeway system the best in the world! The safety of both the traveling public and highway workers is Caltrans first priority.

DRAMATIC PHOTO OP: One hundred sixty Caltrans trucks (one for each Department worker killed while on the job since 1924 when the Department began keeping such records), bearing the names of the fallen workers, will be displayed. This will also created a dramatic aerial visual.

Parking: Proceed to Dodger Stadium parking lot #8 for ample parking.
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