



# NEWS RELEASE

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## **Ramp Metering Begins on the Foothill Freeway (I-210) between Sylmar to Pasadena**

**Sylmar to Pasadena** - The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today began activation all 45 on-ramp meters on a 25-mile corridor of eastbound and westbound Foothill Freeway (I-210) between the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and the Ventura Freeway (State Route 134).

The metering will operate weekdays only on eastbound I-210 during the morning commute from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m.; and on westbound I-210 during the afternoon commute from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. During other times, the meters will not be active.

Motorists are advised that each ramp may differ in the following ways:

- All ramps, except one at La Crescenta Avenue, allow for one car to move per green light.
- The on-ramp at La Crescenta Avenue to eastbound I-210 allows for two cars per green.
- On-ramps have different timing rates depending on the location and traffic volumes.
- Some on-ramps have a designated High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV, or carpool) lane, which is metered separately from the single-occupant on-ramp lane.

Today marks the first day of ramp meter activation on the entire 50-mile I-210 corridor from the San Bernardino County line to I-5. Caltrans launched the I-210 Congestion Relief Project in March 2008 by fully activating on-ramps from San Bernardino to Pasadena as well as four freeway-to-freeway connector meters from northbound Orange Freeway (State Route 57) and northbound San Gabriel Freeway (I-605) to eastbound and westbound I-210.

Corridor metering will significantly reduce bottleneck congestion points and control the overflow of vehicles when freeway demand exceeds its capacity. The meters adapt and re-adjust to control congestion and help motorists get through incidents safer while regulating vehicles entering the I-210 simultaneously. Metering also helps alleviate "platooning" or constant streams of vehicle flow that makes accessing the freeway difficult for motorists entering at on-ramps. The I-210 Congestion Relief Project will also help with safety issues including unnecessary "weaving" that occurs with quick, last minute maneuvers by motorists' attempts to get on and off the freeway amongst a steady stream of traffic flow.

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