



MEDIA ADVISORY

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CALTRANS TO HONOR ITS "FIRST LADY"

**I-10/I-405 Interchange to be Named for First Registered Female Engineer in California
Event to Dedicate the Marilyn Jorgenson Reece Memorial Interchange**

- WHO:** California Secretary of State Debra Bowen
Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe
California Department of Transportation District 7 Director Doug Failing
- WHAT:** Marilyn Jorgenson Reece was not only the first female registered civil engineer in the state of California but also was the designer of the I-10/I-405 Interchange. Her legacy as a pioneer in the transportation field and her numerous contributions to improving mobility in this region led Secretary Bowen (then senator) to propose the interchange be renamed in her honor.
- WHEN:** Friday, March 14, 10 a.m.
- WHERE:** Caltrans Westdale Maintenance Yard, 2723 S. Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90064

This event falls within Women's History Month and would be a great tie-in. Many in the audience knew or worked with Ms. Reece in the 1960s, and could provide a colorful look at transportation history.

PHOTO OP: The maintenance yard is directly under the interchange for an interesting photo angle. The event is also close to freeway access for a shot of the actual signs.

