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CALTRANS SCHEDULES PUBLIC MEETINGS TO DISCUSS NORTHBOUND I-405 SEPULVEDA PASS PROJECT

LOS ANGELES –The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is hosting two public information meetings to discuss the status of the San Diego Freeway (I-405) Sepulveda Pass Project, an HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle, or carpool) lane on northbound I-405 between National Boulevard, south of the Santa Monica Freeway (I-10) and Greenleaf Street, south of the Ventura Freeway (U.S. 101).

The environmental planning process for the project began with meetings in January 2002 and again in 2005, where initial alternative concepts were presented for public review and comment. Based on this input, environmental and engineering refinements were made, resulting in a set of four final design alternatives.

During these meetings, participants will have an opportunity to view the final project alternatives, provide comments and ask questions regarding project elements and environmental impacts, such as: noise abatement, air quality, traffic circulation, potential property acquisitions, construction impacts, schedule, and federal, state and local funding commitments.

The meetings are scheduled for March 20 at Westwood Recreation Center in West Los Angeles (1350 Sepulveda Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90025) and March 22 at Valley Beth Shalom Synagogue in Encino 15739 Ventura Boulevard, Encino, CA 91436), both starting at 5 p.m. Participants are encouraged to attend whichever meeting is more convenient and to come at any time between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Caltrans personnel will be available to answer questions and discuss issues regarding the Sepulveda Pass and other ongoing efforts to promote congestion relief in the area.

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