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COMMUTER ADVISORY

NORTHBOUND I-5 AT TEMPLIN HIGHWAY – PLAN AHEAD, LEAVE EARLY TO AVOID TRAVEL DELAYS OVER THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

North Los Angeles County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists traveling over the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday on the northbound Golden State Freeway (I-5) north of Santa Clarita (about 20 miles south of the “Grapevine”) -- to please **PLAN AHEAD** and **LEAVE EARLY** to avoid expected holiday-related delays -- due to an ongoing lane closure on northbound I-5 at Templin Highway, (approximately five miles north of Castaic). The lane closure is due to ongoing slope stabilization repairs. Three northbound lanes and all (4) southbound lanes remain open to motorists.

Travel delays are expected from Monday, November 19 through Monday, November 26.

Motorists are also reminded that traffic fines are doubled in freeway work zones. In Santa Clarita and Castaic, The Old Road is a suggested alternate route during periods of congestion.

For road conditions in California (excluding unforeseen traffic incidents) please call the Caltrans Highway Information Number at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623). By speaking the number of the route desired -- or using a touch-tone telephone and entering the highway/route number of interest, callers can get up-to-date road conditions on any highway in California. Motorists are also encouraged to tune into local radio stations for up-to-the-minute freeway reports before starting out on trips.

Caltrans thanks the motoring public for their patience during these repairs. For more information, please call the Caltrans Public Affairs office at (213) 897-3630 or 897-3656 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BUCKLE UP, WATCH SPEEDS AND *SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.*

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