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CALTRANS CELEBRATES ITS MULTI-CULTURAL WORKFORCE AT 'DIVERSITY DAY' EVENT

LOS ANGELES – Instead of a typical lunch of burgers and fries, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) employees will have the opportunity to sample chappatis (Indian bread), lumpia (Filipino spring rolls), and shishlik (chicken shish kabob), among other global foods, as the Department celebrates the diversity of its workforce tomorrow.

Diversity Day, held in the plaza area of Caltrans' local headquarters building at 100 S. Main Street in downtown Los Angeles, includes entertainment offered by employees from Bangladesh; Iran; China; India; the Philippines; Latin America; and the descendants of Africa. Even that rare species, the California Native, will be represented.

"Caltrans welcomes diversity," said District Director Doug Failing. "It enriches the workforce and strengthens the Department."

This event is being held simultaneously in every Caltrans district in California, where more than 50 cultures will be represented.

"One of the greatest benefits of working here is that you can virtually travel the globe without leaving the workplace," Failing added. "This provides the opportunity to increase our understanding of other cultures which in turn makes us better team members in our mutual goal of improving transportation throughout the state."

The event will take place from 9:20 a.m. until 2 p.m. The costumes are spectacular, offering great photo opportunities.

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